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## Grayling Township to get four new dry fire hydrants

*Money being spent to protect against area fire potential*

by Eric Gaertner

News Editor

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department will be getting four new dry hydrants in the Grayling Township area.

The Grayling Township board approved a proposal to purchase and have the four hydrants installed in various locations to help fight future fires. The board members approved a cost of up to \$4,500 for the purchase and installation.

The dry hydrants attach to bridges or other structures and can pump water directly from the river or water source. It is a type of hydrant that only takes one person to set up before being used by the fire department.

A letter from Fire Chief Russell Strohpaul, Jr. and Assistant Chief Dean Goss explained that there are two major advantages to having these dry hydrants. One advantage is it makes accessing water much quicker. The second advantage is it takes less

personnel for set up, due to the fact that heavy pumps do not have to be carried to water sources.

Four installation sites for the dry hydrants in Grayling Township are Pollack Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, Wilcox Bridge and Portage Creek.

According to fire department officials, the Pollack Bridge hydrant will provide water access for surrounding wild land, Wendy Lane, AuSable Trail, Sherwood Forest and Old Dam Road area. The Wakeley Bridge hydrant will make water accessible for surrounding forests, residential and businesses in the area.

Fire officials pointed out in the proposal that the Wilcox Bridge hydrant can not be attached to the bridge as is, due to it being one lane and the speculation that it may be replaced. Excavation will be needed for installation. The accessible water from the hydrant will be available for surrounding wild land, Wilcox Bridge Road, Jones Lake Road, Red Wing Terrace and Grayling Mobile Estates.

The Portage Creek site also will need excavation. According to fire officials, this hydrant will provide water for surrounding wild land, campground, Euclid Avenue and all of McIntyre Landing residences.

In other Grayling Township

business, the board members approved a job description for the new building inspector/ordinance enforcer position. According to Supervisor Terry Wright, the hired person for this position will hopefully be made at the April 8 township meeting.

By mid-April the township will have

in place, if the person is found, a full-time building inspector/ordinance enforcer, Wright said. This person will spend approximately 60 percent of his/her time as building inspector, 35 percent as an ordinance enforcer, and five percent or less planning maintenance for the township buildings.

## Community, Camp Grayling officials to discuss topics at March 26 meeting

by Eric Gaertner

News Editor

An opportunity for officials from the local Michigan National Guard training facility and residents from the surrounding area to get together and discuss certain topics will occur next week.

A Camp Grayling Community Council meeting is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, at the Camp Grayling Armory. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance two-way communications among the camp and segments of the surrounding communities.

The community council meeting is open to anyone. Lt. Col. Jerold Foehl, public affairs officer for Camp Grayling, said the idea for the meeting is to get input from the populous.

According to Foehl, the concept of having the community meeting was started in 1990 during Commander Wayne Koppa's administration at Camp Grayling.

The main purpose is to share information in an open forum with

neighbors, special-interest groups and governmental officials, Foehl said.

One of the items in which information will be provided and it can be discussed is the new Multi Purpose Range Complex on Camp Grayling. Maj. Tibor Lanczy, chief facility management officer for the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, will present information on the construction and operation of the new range.

Greg Huntington, environmental coordinator for the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, and John Hunt, environmental manager at Camp Grayling, will recap information concerning the Range 40 water quality study. The study is reaching the final results after five years of testing and analysis.

The third major topic of discussion will center around an explanation of the enhanced groundwater remediation project at Grayling Army Airfield. The project is entering the final stages of cleanup following a 1984 fuel spill.

## Brunskill is announced as second runner-up

*Grayling senior earns scholarship*

up was Brooke Formolo (Wayne/Westland).

Brunskill will be presented a \$750 cash scholarship for being named second runner-up.

Brunskill plans to use the scholarship money at her college of choice - Western Michigan University.



Kate Brunskill

## Hall of Fame race is one of new events planned for 50th canoe marathon

by Eric Gaertner

News Editor

Special plans for the special canoe volunteers for a get-acquainted marathon event this year continue to program on Wednesday, July 23. be discussed and finalized by the Wakeley said the short program will

be a place where former paddlers can

get together and meet.

memorabilia to celebrate the 50 years of the marathon.

Another interesting item for the 50th event is a special float for the marathon parade.

The committee has a picture of a float from the 1947 parade. That float will be recreated from the picture for the 1997 marathon parade.

In addition to these new events for this year's event, the marathon committee also is working on the normal tasks for the regular marathon race.

According to Wakeley, the entry packets for the marathon will be mailed out around April 1.

Any potential racer who needs an entry packet who does not get one can call the marathon office at 348-4425.

Being the 50th race, there are a number of racers interested in being part of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, one portion of the Triple Crown of canoe racing.

Person interested in paddling in the race have already contacted the marathon committee from states outside of Michigan, including Florida, California, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri, Wakeley said. There may also be one or two teams from Great Britain.

The 39th Annual program was held

in Alpena. Brunskill competed with 17 other women for the Michigan Junior Miss title.

"They were 17 of the nicest girls I've

ever met in my life. We all got along

really well," Brunskill said.

The 18 contestants spent a week in Alpena, rehearsing, shopping and touring the city's sights. The actual competition consisted of a fitness routine, as well as poise and appearance. During the poise and appearance portion Brunskill spoke for 30 seconds on family values.

"Everything went really well," Brunskill said.

"Junior Miss was the best experience of my life. It taught me how to speak in front of people, gain self-confidence and provide me with motivation," Brunskill said.

The winner of the competition was Rachel Martz (Flint) and first runner-

## City found 'responsible' in court case to help maintain railway signals

The court case of Lake State Railway Company versus the City of Grayling was heard recently in court, and the court found against the city.

The results of the case, which was heard in 83rd District Court, were made public at the March 10 Grayling City Council meeting. City Manager Jerry Morford said the city was found "responsible" in this matter.

The focus of the case involved the charging of funds for railway signal maintenance. The railway area in question is located near the Crawford

County Courthouse on Michigan Avenue.

The "responsible" finding by the court means that the City of Grayling must pay half of the maintenance costs of the railway signals, Morford said. That cost would be \$560 a year.

According to Morford, the charge for the maintenance of the railway signals was the only matter involved, as far as the city's responsibility is concerned.

Morford also pointed out that

although a ruling was made, the litigation involving this matter is not over yet.

The question in the case was where Michigan Avenue ends. City officials contend that the city road ends prior to the railway crossing, with the courthouse parking lot on the other side of the railway.

This matter has stretched on for some time now, since the case was originally adjourned from a Nov. 19 date by the court.

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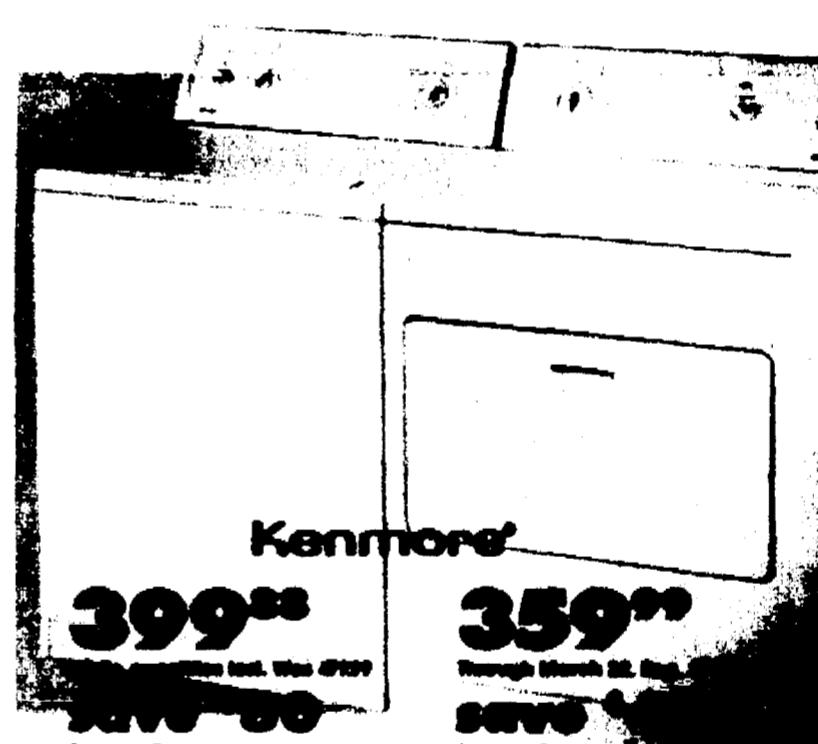
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## Public hearing set to discuss decriminalizing ordinance

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

Zoning ordinance violators in Crawford County may be facing a different charge instead of a criminal offense, as the county is looking to use other methods to enforce their policy.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved a motion establishing April 15 as the public hearing date for a proposed decriminalization ordinance for zoning matters. The hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m.

The commissioners supported the zoning decriminalizing ordinance at their March 4 board meeting. The ordinance was prepared by legal counsel and an opinion also was provided upon request.

The purpose of decriminalizing the procedure is to give the county a better method of prosecuting offenders of the zoning ordinances. The matter is currently a criminal offense handled in District Court.

The decriminalizing ordinance makes it easier for the county to handle violations. County Chairman Bruce Bretzke said, "It takes the matter out of the criminal court system and makes it a civil infraction."

The public hearing is being held so the county board can receive any comments from county residents concerning the proposed zoning decriminalizing ordinance.

The county currently enforces the provisions of the zoning ordinance by issuing an appearance ticket. The appearance ticket requires the recipient

to appear before the District Court on the alleged violation. If allegation proved true, the recipient is subject to misdemeanor penalties including a \$500 fine and imprisonment for up to 90 days.

In his legal opinion to the county board, Grayling attorney William Carey explained that it is highly unlikely that the District Court would jail anyone for a zoning ordinance violation, and with only the threat of a fine, the violation is not corrected.

When proceeding in Circuit Court, which would occur if the decriminalizing ordinance is approved, the county may receive a temporary injunction which immediately abates the violation.

"If the defendant fails to cure the violation the county board is authorized to cure the violation itself and collect costs as a lien against the real property," Carey stated as the effect of decriminalization.

The idea of decriminalization is not a new one, as counties and other governmental entities in Michigan are changing to methods other than criminal procedures.

In addition to change in the end result, there are other reasons Carey mentions as rationale for the decriminalization decision.

The burden of proof necessary to receive a favorable verdict is substantially less as a civil infraction. Carey stated in his legal opinion. Another reason is to relieve the unnecessary burden of work from a number of law enforcement officials.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence Sullivan of Marquette, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kirsten Ann, to Paul Bruce Billeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bruce Billeter of Carrollton. An August wedding is planned. Kirsten is a 1993 graduate of Hope College and currently teaches reading and French at Whittemore-Prescott Junior High School. Paul is a 1991 graduate of Central Michigan University and currently teaches English at Whittemore-Prescott Junior High School. Kirsten is the granddaughter of Doris and the late Alfred J. Sorenson, of Grayling.

## HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

**Question:** My fiancee and I will be getting married in the spring and want to make sure we understand the procedures involved with getting a marriage license. Do we need to get a blood test?

**Answer:** It is always a good idea to plan ahead, as you are doing, when considering marriage. Many young people are disappointed to find out that wedding dates must be postponed because of failure to meet certain requirements.

To get a marriage license, a couple is required by law to receive information and counseling on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), AIDS, and their relationship to prenatal care. This law applies to all couples planning marriage regardless of age, previous marriages, and sexual experience. No blood tests are required but certain tests will be explained and offered at the information/counseling sessions. After completing the session, the couple receives a signed certificate. This certificate must be presented at the County Clerk's office at least three working days before the marriage license is issued, but not more than 30 days before the wedding. The certificate is valid for 60 days and certifies that you have received counseling and have been offered testing for STDs and AIDS.

To attend an informational/

counseling session, a couple needs to call the Health Department office in their county and make an appointment for pre-marital education class. Ideally, the call should be made one to two months in advance since classes are offered only at certain times and limited in number. The cost of the one-hour class is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple.

The information presented during the class is considered extremely important since it outlines certain behaviors that can have serious effects on the health of individuals, spouses and unborn children. This information can keep your marriage free from sexually transmitted diseases and help you make decisions about future pregnancies. Most importantly, it will help produce generations of healthy children for the future.

If you need more information about pre-marital education or family planning clinics, call the health department in your area. Our friendly, helpful staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have and assist you in scheduling appointments.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Manistee, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

## Crawford County unemployment rate released

The Michigan Employment Security Agency recently released its year-end figures for 1996 and also gave the estimated employment material for the month of January.

For 1996, Crawford County had an average unemployment rate of 7.4 percent. The figure was based on an average monthly civilian labor force in Crawford County of 5,375.

Of the more than 5,300 persons in the labor force, a 1996 monthly average of 4,975 employed persons was determined. The 1996 year averaged 400 unemployed persons per month in the county.

The average number of Crawford County persons who were employed in wage and salary positions was 4,425 per month last year.

The 4,400 number basically comes from the averages of 800 employees working for goods producing industries and 3,600 employees working for service producing industries. The goods producing industries consist of businesses such as manufacturing and construction. The service producing businesses consist of utilities, merchandise stores, insurance, real estate and government agencies.

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in January of 1997 was 10.7 percent, and Crawford County was similar to that rate for the month at 10.5 percent.

The county's 10.5 rate is 2.3 percentage points higher than December 1996. It also is higher than the 9.1 percent posted in January 1996.

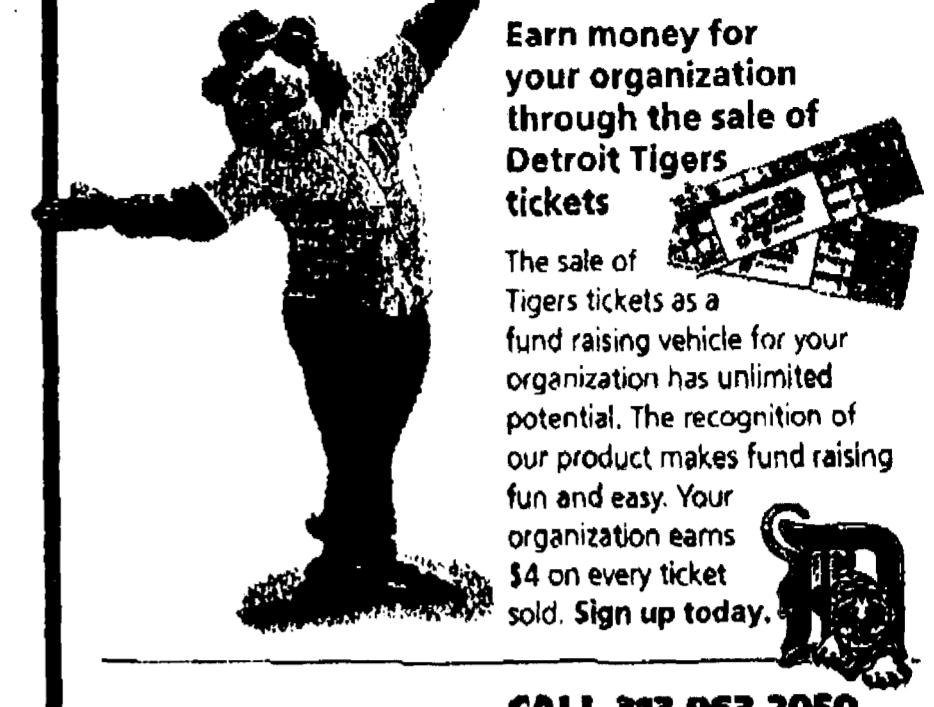
In the northern Lower Peninsula region, the month of January saw wage and salary employment decline by 6,050 jobs. The greatest job reductions took place in retail trade, followed by construction and local government.

Also, declines occurred in both the durable and nondurable manufacturing sectors. Employment gains were practically non-existent over the month.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 3,975 jobs or 2.3 percentage points. Over the year job growth in retail trade was the greatest, with 1,775 new positions posted, which was a gain of 4.5 percent. Private services had the second highest increase in additional jobs with employment growing by 1,225 people or 2.9 percent.

Gains incurred in both durable and non-durable goods sectors (primarily

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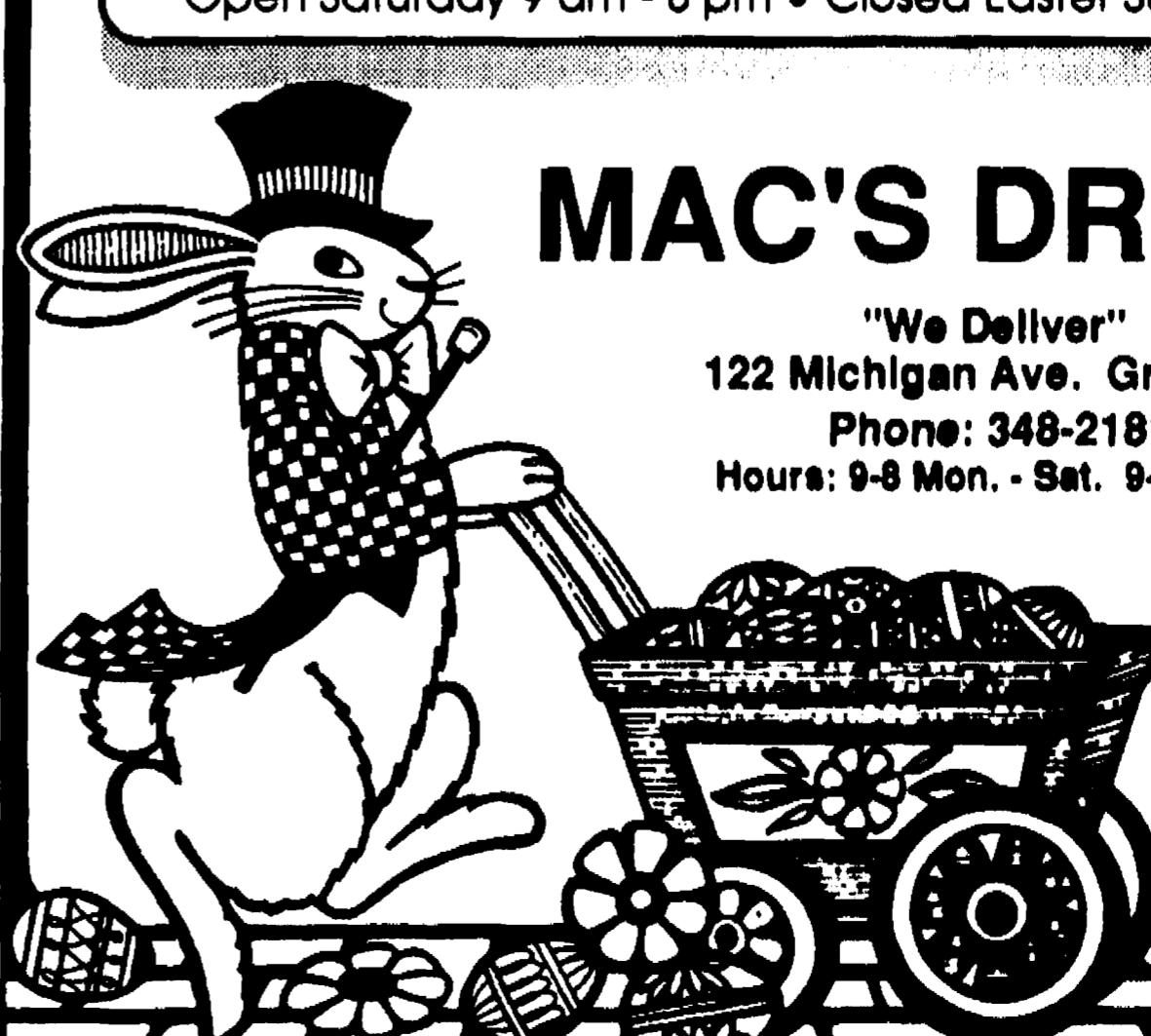
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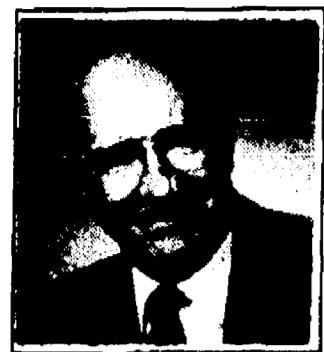
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

### America: Our throw away society

HERE ARE A few thoughts about recent items in the paper.

Detroit casinos, or sports stadia? Apparently not.

Erected in the 1920s, it's really not that old, by world standards anyway.

But in America, anything from 75 years ago is ancient. We throw it away.

Not so in Europe or Asia or most of the rest of the world, where cathedrals and castles and even homes span centuries.

It's a bit sad, really.

But that's the way it is around here.

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**CONTRADICTIONS** — Most conventional political wisdom holds that the Republican party is the rich one, and Democrats are the poor ones. Not necessarily so.

In last year's campaign for U.S. Senate in Michigan, Democrat Carl Levin raised about \$6 million for his successful reelection bid, while his losing Republican opponent, Ronna Romney, put together only \$3.18 million.

It's a sign of the times that the adjective "only" fits well with a \$3 million statewide campaign.

Another top Democrat, U.S. Rep. David Bonior, also out-moneyed his Republican foe by a large margin.

Mr. Bonior raised \$1.54 million and had about \$80,000 left over after the

election. His opponent, Republican Susie Heintz, raised only \$679,000, and spent it all.

Are Republicans rich and Democrats poor? Not always.

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**SAFESKIES** — Airplane accidents will happen.

That rather fatalistic approach was attributed in a recent article to someone who should know.

Michael Boyd is president of a Golden, Colo. firm that does research for airlines and airports.

"Any way you slice or dice it, as long as we insist on putting ourselves in metal tubes and attempting to levitate, we're going to have accidents," Mr. Boyd said.

"It's not a natural act to fly. Most of the time we get away with it. But as long as we have airplanes, we're going to have accidents."

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**EARLY POLLS** — In case anyone is paying attention to such things this early in the game, recent polls indicate that Vice President Al Gore and retired Gen. Colin Powell are the leading candidates for president in 2000.

Now isn't that a big surprise?

The poll conducted for Reuters news

agency found that 53 percent of Democrats favored Mr. Gore for president, while 10 percent wanted former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, 9 percent favored House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, and 5 percent wanted Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

On the Republican side, Gen. Powell led with 29 percent, Texas Gov. George Bush had 15 percent, former Rep. Jack Kemp had 12 percent, former Vice President Dan Quayle 11 percent, Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee 6 percent, and 1996 also ran Lamar Alexander also of Tennessee and Gov. Christy Whitman of New Jersey each had 4 percent.

Michigan's Gov. John Engler was not mentioned.

In a head-to-head match, the poll found Gen. Powell would defeat Mr. Gore 49-35, while Mr. Gore would beat anyone else.

This early in the game, such polls mean nothing, but do provide some off-season nourishment for political junkies.

**Richard Milliman** is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Task force requests questions on proposed race-track project

To fellow community members,

The Raceway Task Force has been working with Mr. Parmalee in trying to get various questions asked and answered. Mr. Parmalee has been very cooperative, and has responded very promptly. We also have had meetings with state officials, getting numerous questions answered. Within the next few weeks, a site will be selected and introduced to the citizens of Crawford County.

After the site selection has been announced, we will begin to publish these questions and answers. We would like the citizens of Crawford to submit any questions they might have to the Raceway Task Force about the proposed Edges Raceway Project.

Tracey Gallagher and Lauria Gwisdala, owners of Comprehensive Answering Service, have donated a hotline number to take your questions. This number is (517) 344-3109. We on the Task Force will try to obtain the answers for you.

We also will be setting up a public meeting sometime in mid-April, so residents can ask questions, get answers, and voice opinions. In closing, it is very important we, the members of the community, keep up the strong support in order for this project to succeed. The Raceway Task Force, as well as Mr. Parmalee, look forward to hearing from you.

John Schneider  
Raceway task force member

### Race track idea is a nightmare, not a dream

To the editor,

I saw where someone is having a dream about race tracks in Crawford County. This is more like a nightmare. Can you imagine the noise pollution, air pollution, traffic pollution, crime pollution?

Increased taxes? We would need a larger hospital, a larger sheriff department, etc. At the Pontiac Dome for only 80,000 people, many highways had to be added. Now they are closing this stadium after costing the taxpayers millions of dollars.

If certain people want this kind of activity, they can move to Detroit, Flint, or Pontiac where they would be welcomed.

To Mr. Parmalee: Take your nightmare elsewhere. Good luck and good bye.

Donald W. Kuk  
Crawford County property owner



Brian Hulbert

### Snowmobiler taking business elsewhere

To the editor and

business owners of Grayling, MI:

Recently, while on a snowmobile outing, my family and myself, along with a few friends, visited the Grayling area. We decided that we had better go into town to get some gas and get a bite to eat. Upon doing so, we followed M-72 east into town, and turned right and followed the railroad grade to get to the back street behind the gas stations.

Just as we were to cross the road to go to the gas station, we were confronted by two DNR officers, and were informed that we were trespassing on railroad property. My husband was issued a ticket, because he was the lead person of our group of nine, and we were also informed, quote: "The locals are fed up with you people" unquote. We feel that we were treated very rudely, and the DNR was very unprofessional. I understand that they have a job to do, but there was no reason for them to treat us the way they did. We are not disputing the

ticket, but there are two issues here:

1. The designated snowmobile trail north of M-72 runs right along side of the railroad tracks. If you cross the highway, you are trespassing.

2. The DNR is sending a message that snowmobilers are not welcome in the Grayling area. On this particular day, our group dropped over \$100 just in gas. That doesn't say anything of what we spent on meals. I don't know how you folks figure, but my calculations add up to quite a bit of how much money snowmobilers spend in your town. The DNR made their point quite well, and we don't need that kind of aggravation, so we will simply take our business elsewhere.

I just wanted to bring to your attention the type of representation you have out there in the trails. If this continues, your revenue dollars are going to go bye-bye. Good luck.

Roberta Lynch  
Standish

### 'Speed' is the key to getting race track here

To the editor and  
to our community,

Well, it's time for Crawford County to put away the kid gloves, because from the sound of it, we have a fight on our hands. That fight is the one that will determine whether we want the Edges race complex to be built here, or do we lose yet another opportunity for jobs and economic growth to another county.

According to the 11 o'clock news last week, a community meeting was held in Lake County with over 300 people in attendance to hear what Mr. Parmalee and his associates have to offer them. The comment from the story that stuck in my mind was that the complex would likely go to the first county to accept his proposals.

I think that we, as a county, need to pony express, call, fax, scream or whatever, our whole-hearted support for this development, and do whatever is possible to ensure its success in our county. Whether it is the 300-plus

full-time and the 1,200-plus part-time jobs, the economic growth, or the attraction to the county that this facility would create, we need this.

A comment was made previously as to what happens when or if the county loses another major employer (remember Bear Archery?). Can this community afford such a loss without something to fall back on? Can a community such as ours that depends on the tourist trade so heavily afford to lose an attraction such as this, or do we continue being the wide spot in the road for people on their way to Traverse City, Gaylord, or Mackinaw. Isn't it time for Grayling to become a destination again instead of that little town that you pass through on your way to someplace else?

Please, contact your local government officials, and urge him or her to support this necessary addition to the county's economic growth.

Todd Pfaff  
Grayling

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# BRIEFS

## Garden club to kick off '97 garden season

A garden club will be meeting at Michelson Memorial Church, March 20 at 7 p.m. Guests should bring seed, bulb and flower catalogs to share with the group. Participants can take advantage of savings through bulk catalog orders. New gardeners will be advised by veteran gardeners about what grows and does not grow well in this area.

## Irish festival to be held at Holiday Inn

The "Song of Ireland" Irish buffet and show will be held March 22 at the Grayling Holiday Inn Evergreen Room. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:45 p.m. For reservations call 348-7641 ext. 123/120.

## Koppa named to President's List

Marcia Marie Koppa, Grayling, was recently named to the President's List at Kirtland Community College. She was named to the list for the fall 1996 semester after achieving at least a 3.8 grade point average.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

**Special thought for the week:** If you were another person, would you like to be a friend of yours?

My goodness, we had a good crowd for the Sunday Potluck. Twenty-four of us gathered and had a wonderful meal together. Afterwards there was a spirited game of dominoes and picture-puzzling and lots of conversation. Too bad more people don't avail themselves of the good times and good companionship.

**Happenings at the Center:** "Pantry Bingo" every Friday at 1 p.m.; COA board meeting at 5:30 on March 19 and we hope to have a new director appointed at that time. Share pick-up at 1:30 at the Latter Day Saints Church on North Down River Road and legal help at the center at 1:30 all happening on March 21.

We are having our Easter dinner on March 25 at 5 p.m. We will be serving a beautiful baked ham dinner with all the trimmings. (Our home-delivered meal will be the holiday dinner.) Special door prizes and dancing will follow the meal. A reminder that the center will be closed on Good Friday and we wish all of you a very happy Easter.

Please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 3 (\$17-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500).

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Stop by or give us a call if you have

**Don't miss the Home Improvement Guide in next week's issue!**

## BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Ron and Kay Wood of Beaver Creek have returned home following a vacation spent in the south. They left at Christmas and visited their son, Steve Wood and family in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Going on to San Antonio they visited a daughter and husband, Julee and Glen Dean. They spent January and February in Apache Junction and while there visited other friends, Barb and Bill Green, Walt and Mary Masinick and Dale and Doris Dosson. On their way home, they again stopped in Tulsa and in Indianapolis where they visited a high school friend of Kay.

Larry and Mo McNamara have returned from Gulf Shores, Alabama, where they spent three weeks enjoying warmer weather. They stopped enroute in Plymouth to visit daughter, Shannan and husband, Mike Verkler and granddaughter, Maddy. While in Gulf Shores, the McNamaras drove to Mustang Island, Texas, to visit Rita and Jim McClain. A guest of the

## County rep needed for exchange service

Linda Daugherty, national recruiter for ICES (International Cultural Exchange Services), has announced the need for an area representative in Crawford County and surrounding areas of Michigan. ICES is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting a more peaceful world by increasing international awareness and understanding among the peoples of the world through experience in cultural sharing.

The area representative helps make the communities aware of the student exchange by selecting and screening prospective host families to ensure that they will provide a quality environment for the ICES students while they are in America.

After a family is accepted, the area representative assists the host family, student and school to ensure that any questions or problems are handled immediately. "ICES will not place their foreign exchange students in an area where there is not a representative," Daugherty explained.

The ICES program places students arriving in August with families for

the 10-month program or students arriving in January for the five-month program.

The area representative position with ICES provides an opportunity to assume a leadership position and to make a meaningful contribution to the community, said Daugherty.

The area representative receives monetary remuneration and other benefits for their efforts. ICES representatives receive compensation for every student placed with a host family and for supervising the placement during the 10-month academic year, or semester, whichever the case may be. Bonus points for free travel are also awarded and can be accumulated.

ICES provides ongoing instructions and direction through a strong national office staff. The representative will receive in-depth training materials and will be assisted by the ICES national recruiter in the local area with a toll free number. Persons interested in joining ICES as an area representative can contact the national recruiter, Linda Daugherty, at 1-800-981-6801.

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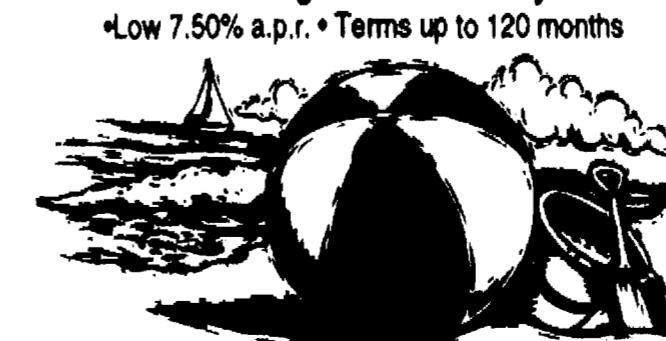
### MARCH 1997

**First Day of Spring**  
Monday, March 24

THURS. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. For more information call Joell Gabriel, 348-6389.</li> <li>•AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE Community Bereavement support group meeting @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm.</li> <li>•TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay at 348-1398 for more information.</li> <li>•SUPPORT GROUP MEETING for Fibromyalgia &amp; Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome patients &amp; families @ Mercy Hospital cafeteria, 7 pm. Call Laura @ 348-7423 for more information.</li> <li>•BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB @ Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm.</li> <li>•GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 7 pm.</li> <li>•HS VAR FORENSICS DISTRICTS through April 8.</li> <li>•HS PLAY "Our Town", Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm.</li> <li>•FIRST DAY OF SPRING.</li> </ul>
FRI. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•HS PLAY "Our town" @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm.</li> <li>•END OF THIRD MARKING PERIOD.</li> </ul>
SAT. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•HS PLAY "Our town" @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm.</li> <li>•COMMUNITY ED DINNER SHOW Travelogue "Song of Ireland" @ Holiday Inn.</li> </ul>
SUN. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.</li> </ul>
MON. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•MS SPIRIT WEEK through the 29th.</li> <li>•KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.</li> <li>•SURVIVORS OF INCEST and sexual abuse support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information.</li> </ul>
TUES. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•VIKING BAND BOOSTER'S MEETING @ MS Band room, 7 pm..</li> </ul>
WED. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•REPORT CARDS SENT HOME for grades 3, 4 &amp; 5.</li> <li>•WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.</li> <li>•GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION &amp; support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm.</li> <li>•ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon.</li> <li>•CARD PARTY @ St. John Lutheran Church, 12 noon.</li> </ul>

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"I am talking about the vaccine for hepatitis discovered by Baruch Blumberg, the Wasserman test for syphilis developed by August Von Wasserman, and the first effective drug to fight syphilis developed by Paul Ehrlich. Bela Schick developed the diagnostic skin test for diphtheria. Insulin would not have been discovered if Oskar Minkowski had not demonstrated the link between diabetes and the pancreas. It was Burill Crohn who identified the disease that bears his name. Alfred Hess discovered that vitamin C could cure scurvy. Casimir Funk was the first to use B to treat beriberi. Albert Sabin and Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine.

"Humanitarianism requires that we offer these gifts to all people of the world, regardless of race, color or creed. So the anti-Semites who don't want to accept these gifts can go ahead and turn them down, but I'm warning you, you aren't going to feel so good."

(The above was copied from an Ann Landers column, written by Sam Levinson, and researched by David Gaus.)

God promised special blessings through the Jews "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." (Genesis 22:18) The greatest blessing God gave us through the Jews is the Messiah. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Galatians 4:4-5) "For God so loved the world, that he

gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

God made all nations of one blood. (Acts 17:26) His second greatest commandment is for us to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:39) Christians worship a Jew everyday. His name is our Lord Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) True Christians cannot hate others, especially Jews!

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

## Foster grandparents needed

The Foster Grandparent Program needs senior citizens who would like to work with children. The love that seniors give through this program makes a big difference in the lives of many children.

Foster grandparents volunteer 20 hours per week working directly with children. They are paid a non-taxable stipend of \$2.45 per hour, transportation expenses are reimbursed and a daily meal is provided. The stipend is not considered income and will not affect social security, public assistance, subsidized housing or other such programs.

To be eligible for the program an applicant must be 60 years of age or older and have an income of less than \$9,675 for a household of one, or have an income of less than \$12,950 for a

household of two persons.

The program currently seeks volunteers in a variety of work settings in the Grayling area. Frederic Elementary School seeks foster grandparents to volunteer in their classrooms. Volunteers at the Crawford-AuSable Daycare spend their time with infants and toddlers. They comfort, rock, feed and play with the children with supervision by daycare staff.

Frederic Elementary uses foster grandparents with students from varied classrooms. Students benefit from tutoring assistance and from a loving, caring person to be available when others are busy. The love and time that a foster grandparent can give benefits these children with special needs. Foster grandparents may be involved in play activities, tutoring, craft activities and other areas of their interest that is helpful to the children.

Persons interested in volunteering for the Foster Grandparent Program can call 517-356-3474 Ext. 209, or write to: Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., Foster Grandparent Program, 2373 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707.

## Grayling woman turns 90

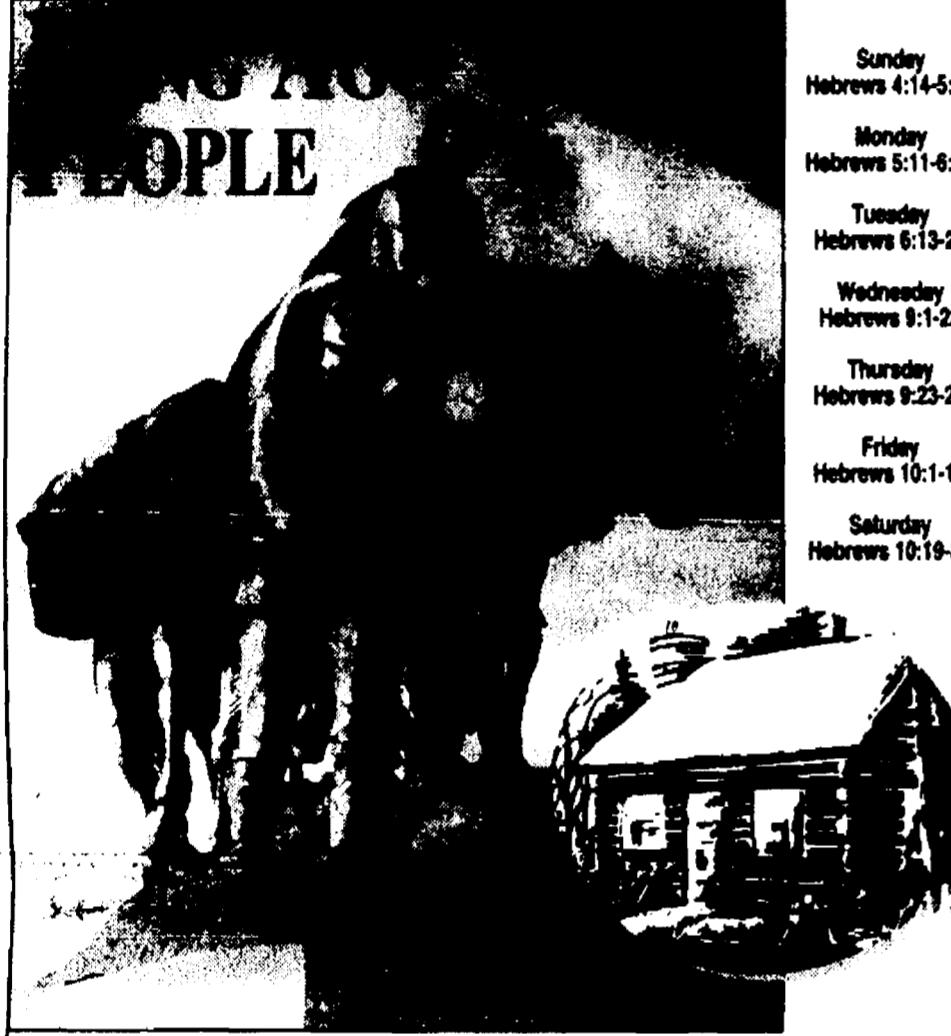
Local Grayling resident Angelina Willette celebrated her 90th birthday on March 15.

A family gathering of two sons, three daughters, respective spouses, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, several relatives and other friends helped celebrate this momentous occasion for Angelina, with a dinner in Dearborn. Most of the family, relatives and friends reside in and around Garden City, South Lyons and surrounding area.

One daughter from Grayling and one daughter from Waters along with spouses, one son and family from Fort Worth, Texas, and one grandson from Tempe, Ariz. helped join in this occasion.

Angelina has three sisters older and one sister younger who are still living. Angelina Willette is the mother of Joan Mattis, local business owner with husband Larry, of Larry & Joan's Place.

## Church Directory



Sunday Hebrews 4:14-5:10  
Monday Hebrews 5:11-6:12  
Tuesday Hebrews 6:13-20  
Wednesday Hebrews 8:1-22  
Thursday Hebrews 9:23-28  
Friday Hebrews 10:1-18  
Saturday Hebrews 10:19-30

It happened while I was hiking in the mountains...suddenly I came into a clearing and saw the crumbling foundations of what had once meant shelter and protection for a pioneer family. Rugged mountains surrounded the decayed dwelling on three sides. But in front, opened a panorama across a valley which in all its beauty held me spellbound.

I turned and noticed a small, old-fashioned rose bush which seemed to reminisce with yesterdays beside the old house. I could feel the presence of those long-ago people. How they must have loved this place. The woman had tended flowers and vegetables here, had borne her babies and had helped her man carve a life from the wilderness.

What was their secret...these pioneer people? Where did they find the courage and confidence needed to face the deprivations and dangers of primitive living? God was their refuge and strength. Their love of Him illuminated their lives, and goodness graced their days.

God, in his greatness, is the source of all bounty and joy. They are yours for the asking.

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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. -- Suite 103 -- Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974

Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Stramel  
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).

Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Vodicka, Pastor  
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Church 348-8885; Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 p.m.

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President Larry A. Cook  
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Sacrament ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
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Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

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Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)**  
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Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 a.m.  
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Preaching ..... 11 a.m.  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 p.m.

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

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9:30 a.m.

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## Sportsplex hits drawing board

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The steering committee for the proposed recreation center/sportsplex in Crawford County has retained an architect to handle the preliminary steps for the project.

David Riebschleger, an architect from Houghton Lake, will begin the preliminary drawings for the group, so information concerning the sportsplex can be distributed to Crawford County residents.

The steering committee met on Tuesday, March 11, to discuss the project with the architect. The group made the decision to retain the architect at this meeting.

The concept of the large recreation center is to have an ice rink, all-purpose gymnasium, a recreation swimming pool, a wading pool, a conference room and a walking area. Other possibilities include a weight room, pro shop, day care center and racquet ball courts.

The estimated \$6 million facility is being planned to be put on a special election ballot this year. A portion of the millage, if passed, would go toward building the facility and the other portion would go toward operating the sportsplex.

Riebschleger, who was the architect for the Otsego County Sportsplex, told the steering committee that his architecture firm would be willing to do initial drawings for the Crawford County structure without sending a bill until a later date.

In a case such as this, where a citizen's group is attempting to work on a project like this, Riebschleger said his firm would do the preliminary drawings if the group would have a letter of agreement to use Riebschleger's firm throughout the project, if the millage passes.

The steering committee agreed, and Riebschleger will begin preliminary drawings for the project, which he will share with the group at a future meeting for committee members' suggestions.

The \$6 million price tag the steering committee was estimating for the project was agreed upon by Riebschleger. The architect said \$6 million is a good ball park figure for the items the group would like included in the facility. He said the prices have not gone up very much since the Otsego County Sportsplex was built at a cost of approximately \$4.8 million. One item the Crawford County group would like in their facility that Otsego's does not have is the gymnasium.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Grayling's would be much, much better than Gaylord's," Riebschleger said. "You learn from people's successes and failures with each sportsplex that is completed."

Riebschleger called the recent increase in the number of sportsplexes in the northern Michigan area a "phenomenon." He said that just "off the top of his head" he could think of 11 towns that are building, looking into, or have built a sportsplex recently.

One interesting connection Riebschleger made about the 11 areas was that each of them is within about a 75-mile radius of the Grayling/Crawford County area. He explained that a Crawford County sportsplex could be a gathering area for all of them for events.

## Except for taxes, Michigan's a great state for small business

When asked to name the most positive and negative aspects of doing business in Michigan, small employers said Michigan is a great place to sell goods and services, but business taxes are still too high, according to a survey jointly sponsored by the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) and the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network.

The survey, called the Small Business Barometer, every four months uses telephone interviews of 200 small business owners to track shifts in Michigan's business climate and in attitudes on political and public policy issues. The surveys are conducted by Public Policy Associates, a Lansing-based research firm. For this Barometer — the 13th edition — interviews were conducted from Jan. 10-23.

In previous Barometer surveys, the number one response on the most positive aspect of doing business in the state was often "a large, educated work force." But that fell to second



**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** -- The cast of Jack and the Beanstalk are Chuck Hughes (storyteller A), Ashley Jurkovich (storyteller B), Zeke Hayes (Jack), Meghan Thomas (Giant's Wife), Jim Boylan (Giant), Siobhan Taylor (Mother), Ross Crawford (Man), Mary Johnson and Timmy McClusky (cow), Jolie Piper (hen), Colleen Fleischmann (harp), Melissa McDaniel and Stacie Dent (announcers), Wesley Lane and Amanda VanNuck (stage managers), Kimberly Rosen and Stacie Dent (directors), Nick Fitzpatrick and Wade McGregor (advertising), Audrey Alimenti (costume director) and Zeke Hayes and Wade McGregor (costumes). The set crew/props were Chris Phillips, Teddy Owen, Wayne Cottrell, Jeffery Wardecke and Nikki Cook. The students put on the production for the AuSable Primary School on Friday, March 14.

photo by Lisa Hofman

## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

**Question:** We are a young family with one child and another one on the way. Although my husband works full-time, we have trouble making ends meet. I have been told that a lot of the Health Department programs are directed toward young families. How can I find out more about them?

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Some of our programs which might benefit you the most are:

**Maternal Support Services** — a program that provides education and counseling by a registered nurse and other professionals, either in your home or at the Health Department. A friendly, caring nurse will answer all

your questions on pregnancy, diet, childbirth, and baby care all during your pregnancy and for eight weeks after delivery. The program offers assistance with transportation and childbirth education expenses. Pregnant women on Medicaid are eligible for this service.

**Mich-Care** — An insurance program that pays for the uninsured pregnant woman's prenatal care, delivery, hospital costs, lab expenses, prenatal vitamins, etc. Since the income guidelines for this program are not very restrictive, many pregnant women in this area, who are not already on Medicaid, are eligible for Mich-Care and maternal support services.

**WIC** — a special supplemental food program for pregnant and nursing women, infants up to age one, and children one-to-five years of age with special nutritional needs. WIC provides free nutritious foods to all

participants in the form of coupons, as well as education and counseling on good nutrition.

**EPSDT** — a special screening program that provides vision and hearing tests, blood tests, physical and developmental assessments, and immunizations. There is no cost to participants. Medicaid recipients under the age of 21 are eligible.

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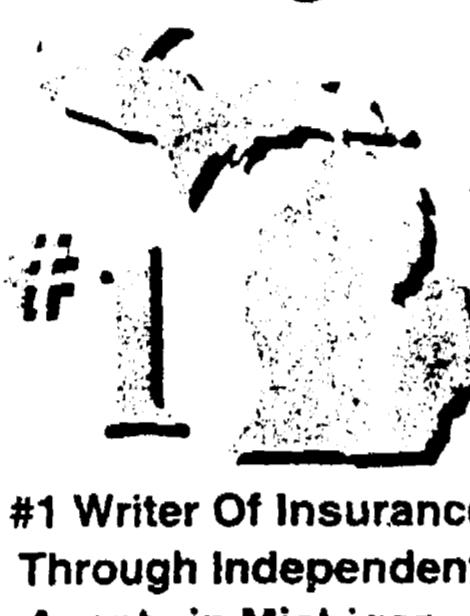
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## Steering committee has long road ahead before making county sportsplex a reality

**Details being finalized before possible Sept. 5 election**

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The steering committee is shooting for around a Sept. 5 special election for the millage request for the proposed sportsplex in Crawford County.

The committee is attempting to get the "leg work" completed by June 1 to have the exact millage wording to the county clerk's office and other material completed for the project.

Future items — which the committee plans to be working on — include deciding on the location of the sportsplex, discussing the hook up of city water and sewer, raising money, hosting a public forum and forming a Crawford County Hockey Association.

According to steering committee members, the initial number-one spot for the possible location of the

recreation center is the county land at the corner of US-27 and M-93. The two-acre piece of land for the proposed building would be next to the county fair location and athletic fields.

Fair Board President David Lovely told the committee that the fair board had voted to allow the sportsplex to use the US-27/M-93 location.

Another possible site has been mentioned in case the first choice does not work out. The second possible location is the county owned land behind Scheer Motors.

The steering committee also will look at getting City of Grayling water and sewer service to which ever location is decided on. Dave

Riebschleger, an architect, said that natural gas, city water and city sewer are a must to run a sportsplex.

City water and sewer do not extend to the fairground location at this time.

The exact wording and information to distribute to the public will have to be finalized. The steering committee also is looking for ways to raise money for project costs.

Although the group isn't required to

have any of the money by June 1 to put the item on the ballot, committee members would like to have \$2,000

by June 1 to show that they are committed to the proposed project. The total cost, which would be billed at a later date, could run up to \$6,000.

As the steering committee completes the gathering of information concerning the project, a public forum will be scheduled in the future. The purpose of the forum is to provide answers to questions about the proposed sportsplex project, and to receive the pros and cons from Crawford County residents.

Another down-the-road project that may be started by some of the committee members is the formation of a Crawford County Hockey Association. This group would help organize hockey leagues for county youth, if a sportsplex became a reality.

**Natural gas, city water and city sewer are a must to run a sportsplex.**

— **Dave Riebschleger,**  
**an architect**

## GPA raises money with successful Pictionary Olympics

A good deal of fun was had by those residents who competed in the annual Pictionary Olympics, and also a good deal of money was raised.

The Grayling Promotional Association, which put on the event on Friday, March 14, raised more than \$2,000 from the 25 teams and other residents who attended the Pictionary Olympics at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling.

The money will go to benefit the AuSable River Festival Parade. A number of area businesses had teams in this year's pictionary event to raise the funds.

The judges of the event — Alton Davis and John Alef — kept the event honest. The competition allowed a good time for the contestants, and also gave residents a chance to compete against local friends in a "drawing" game people learn as kids.

The four-person teams attempted to guess a word as quick as they could, while one team member was drawing it. Each team member had to draw

Shingledecker and Debbie Glicker (Grayling Promotional Association). The second-place time of 50 seconds came on words such as "crown," "fracture" and "phantom."

The third-place team was the squad of Debbie Zelek, Mary Jo Bickman, Mary Jane Powers and Ann Sheppard (Chemical Bank North #1). They finished with a time of 70 seconds.



**FIRST PLACE** — The Northern Michigan Health Services team won the Pictionary Olympics event. The team received the trophy from the judges. The team is, from left: Celeste Kubiak, Alton Davis (event judge), Tracy Wilson, Laurie Eisele, John Alef (event judge) and Roxanne Manifold.



**RUNNER-UPSQUAD** — The Grayling Promotional Association group finished one second out of first place. The team is, from left: Debbie Glicker, Alton Davis (judge), Kathy Shingledecker, Carolyn DiPonio, John Alef (judge) and Mary Jo Conway.



**GOOD FINISH** — Third place went to Chemical Bank North #1 at the Pictionary Olympics. Pictured with the judges, Alton Davis and John Alef, are the team members, consisting of Mary Jo Bickman, Mary Jane Powers, Ann Sheppard and Debbie Zelek.

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## Parapros hired for elementary schools

It was announced at Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting that four people had been hired into two hour paraprofessional jobs at Frederic Elementary and Grayling Elementary schools.

Lenora Beckett and Edith Flicker were hired into positions at Frederic Elementary School.

Marie Parrott-Watt and Christi Lobsinger were hired into positions at Grayling Elementary School.

## City, county law officers work together

Although the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Grayling City Police Department are separate law enforcement units, the two departments do work together when a case calls for such action.

On a weekly basis, there are instances in the sheriff's office log of cases handled where officers from both departments work together to handle criminal activity.

One of the incidents where an officer from one department helped the other incident recently occurred, and the

result was a positive outcome. A Grayling City patrolman, Dennis Long, who was involved in the safe closure to a near-hostage situation, has been recognized by the Grayling City Council and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for his actions.

The assault incident in question happened on Feb. 11. A Grayling man was eventually arrested by sheriff's deputies and city police officers on Feb. 12. The suspect, Kirk Connell, 31, of Grayling, was charged with assault with intent to murder.

The city council members directed City Manager Jerry Morford at their Feb. 24 meeting to write a letter to Long in recognition of outstanding achievement in the near-hostage situation.

Sheriff David Lovely also sent a letter of appreciation to the city police department and city council in regards to Long's efforts in the incident.

Long responded to the domestic assault call and while at the neighbor's house gave assistance to the victim by reassuring her and calling for medical attention, Lovely stated in his letter. Long also eliminated any further violence by stopping the children of the victim from returning to the suspect, after the children were sent by the suspect to tell the victim to return or else.

Communications also were set up via telephone to the suspect's residence. Long attempted to negotiate the release of another child from the residence, Lovely's letter read.

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**DESERVING KIDS** -- The "Most Deserving Students" from Frederic Elementary School for the month of January are (back, from left) J. B. Quintano, Christen McBride, Shawn Gabriel, Dan Snider, (front) Cody Webb, and Marriah Armstrong. Missing from the picture is Megan Flicker. Each student receives a book, eagle pin, certificate and a bumper sticker that says "My child is a winner at Frederic Elementary School." This sticker is in the school's colors of orange and black.

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## Middle school gears up for the circus

by Lisa Hofman  
Staff Reporter

Students and staff at the Grayling Middle School are preparing for their annual Spirit Week with activities planned for March 20-27.

This year's Spirit Week theme is the circus. A student activity night on March 20 will open up the festivities. The activity night will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. with a dance, gym activities, game room and refreshments.

The Viking Time competitions are Monday, March 24 - **Name that Staff Member**. Staff members will be giving clues and the middle school students must figure out the staff member that the clue corresponds to.

On Tuesday, March 25 - **Heap of Sharing Day** will take place. Stu-

dents should bring in canned goods and paper products. The class which brings in the most, wins.

**Name that Tune** will take place Wednesday, March 26. Students will have to guess which song is being played.

On Thursday, March 27 **Penny Day** will occur. Students need to bring in as many pennies as they can. Last year students brought in over 24,000 pennies.

The spirit week clothing competition will be kicked off on Thursday, March 20 with **Hippy Day**. Prizes will be awarded to the top three hippies.

The other clothing days will be **Mismatch Day** (Monday), **Clown Day** (Tuesday), **Shorts, Shades and Sandals Day** (Wednesday) and **Green and White Day** (Thursday).

All proceeds raised during spirit week will benefit the GMS media center.

Spirit Week will wrap up on Thursday, March 27 with a school-wide assembly beginning at 1:30 p.m.



**FIVE GENERATIONS** — Scott Czuba and his family being home for the holidays enabled this five generation picture to be taken. In the back, from left, are: Scott Czuba, father; Arlene Czuba; great-grandmother; Dale Czuba, grandfather; (front) great-great-grandparents Alice and Howard Albers, with Bailey Czuba, great-great-granddaughter.

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## Frederic supports land purchase

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The Frederic Township board continues to push forward in getting the information and solving the feasibility issue in regard to the proposed large race-track facility in Crawford County.

Two of the three sites being looked at by the developers and local race-track task force are located in Frederic Township. When the Crawford County Board of Commissioners invited Phil Parmelee — the lead project promoter — back to the county, it was stated in the motion that Parmelee should meet with the Frederic Township board and/or the task force.

The Frederic Township board members voted at their March 11 meeting in favor of supporting Parmelee's attempt to purchase state land for the motor sport/entertainment complex.

The proposed race-track complex would feature three race tracks — a drag strip, road course and an oval, more than 100,000 person seating capacity, concessions and other items.

The purchasing of state land for the proposed multiple race-track facility is one of the biggest steps in having the proposed complex become a reality. Parmelee originally took his proposed Edges Project to Kalkaska County, but he was unable to get the Department of Natural Resources to release the land so he could purchase it.

Frederic Township began to take a role in the race for the track facility at its February board meeting. At that meeting the board members approved a motion that supported the concept of the race-track project.

The motion also referred to having an in-depth look into a Frederic Township location completed. The three possible sites being looked at in

Crawford County are along County Road 612 near I-75 in Frederic Township, north of the Grayling High School or Old 27 in Frederic Township, and near Fletcher Road in Beaver Creek Township.

In other Frederic Township business, the board members discussed the issue of recreation in the township now that the Crawford County Recreation Plan has been adopted.

The board decided on a number-one priority for township recreation, said Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert. The township would like to have a covered pavilion.

The pavilion would be over the township tennis courts to make it a multiple-use facility, Hulbert said. The township already uses this area as an ice rink in the winter.

Hulbert pointed out that the township needs to move quickly in this matter, because Department of Natural Resource grant requests have to be in by April.

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## Record number of children adopted in 1996

by Lisa Hofman  
Staff Reporter

According to a recently released Family Independence Agency newsletter, a record number of children were placed in adoptive homes during fiscal year 1996.

This was the first time in history that more than 2,000 children were adopted in Michigan in a single year.

On Dec. 30, Governor John Engler announced that 2,189 state wards were placed in adoptive homes, an 18 percent increase over the previous year. During fiscal year 1995 there were 1,860 adoptive placements.

The largest increases in adoptions were in the 6-to-9-year-old age group. This group comprised 31.3 percent of all adoptions.

Another group, African-American children, comprised 53 percent of all adoptions.

Although the number of adoptions is up, there is still a need for children to be adopted.

There are currently 40,000 to 50,000 children in the United States with special needs who need permanent homes.

Adoption is defined as the permanent, legal transfer of all parental rights from one person or couple to another person or couple.

State laws vary when it comes to answering the question of who may adopt. However, there are a few guidelines. Most agencies are looking for parents who are under age 40, married at least three years, financially secure and healthy.

Adoption in the 1990s focuses largely on children who have "special needs". They are children, who at one time, were thought to be difficult to place or even unadoptable.

These waiting children may fall into one or more of the following groups: minority children; children who have emotional, learning or physical impairments; children who must be placed in the same home along with their brothers and sisters; and older children over the age of five.

Many of them who wait for families have physical, emotional or mental disabilities. Some are mentally retarded.

Some have been sexually abused. Some have been prenatally exposed to drugs or alcohol or test positive for AIDS. There are children who are school-age or older and there are sibling groups that have to be adopted together.

Many of these children live in foster homes or institutions while they wait for permanent families.

The search for a child begins at the agency level. A prospective adopter can contact an adoption agency and express an interest in adopting a child with special needs.

Many agencies keep photo-listing books with photographs and brief descriptions of available children.

Prospective adopters can peruse the books to learn more about the kinds of children who are waiting and perhaps locate a child to adopt.

The Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) provides a monthly photolistings book of waiting Michigan children and of Michigan families interested in adopting children with

special needs.

Access to the MARE book is available through adoption agencies and most libraries statewide.

In most cases, a home study is required to adopt a child. A home study is not just a visit to the home of people who want to adopt to see if it is clean and neat. Much more information is gathered to make sure the people hoping to adopt are ready for parenthood. The home study is also designed to help them understand how to become good parents.

There is no set format that adoption agencies use to conduct their home studies.

The social worker conducting the home study will make sure the adopting family can afford to parent a child. In most cases, the adopting parents must also get a complete physical examination to make sure they are healthy enough to become parents.

The social worker also will examine more practical considerations. Where will the child sleep? Is the home safe? Will the home be "child-proofed?"

The home study is also an educational experience and an opportunity for prospective parents to learn about important adoption issues.

If the family plans to adopt an older child or children, they will learn about behavior that may be displayed by children who have been abused or neglected. The adoptive parents will receive suggestions on effective parenting.

There will probably be several interviews, perhaps one or two in the agency office and at least one in the home.

The social worker will not be visiting the home to conduct a white glove inspection. They will simply be determining if the adopted child or children will be entering into a safe and healthy environment.

The social worker will also determine if the adoptive parents have thought ahead as to how they will accommodate the new family member.

The social worker will want to see the child's bedroom and all the other areas of the house or apartment, including the basement and backyard.

Some tips for the home study are as follows: do offer the social worker a soft drink or a cup of coffee. This gesture will show the social worker that the family is nurturing. Do have family photos around. This shows the adoptive parents are family oriented. Do not clean the entire house or apartment from top to bottom, unless that is the level of housekeeping that is always maintained.

A certain level of cleanliness is necessary, but lived-in family clutter is expected. Most social workers would worry that people living in a picture perfect home would have a difficult time adjusting to the clutter that a child brings to a household.

During the home study portion of the adoption process, it is very important for the adoptive parents to be honest, be themselves and present a true picture of the family history and family functioning.

If the adoptive parents had a difficult childhood, experienced financial problems, quit a job in anger or have some other skeleton in the closet that they think might disqualify them, chances are if they discuss it openly with the social worker it will not present a problem.

Flexibility and a sense of humor are needed when raising a child in this day and age.

If the adoptive parents are willing to take off an hour early from their job to meet with the social worker or modify their schedule in some other way to make the meeting arrangements flow smoothly, the effort will not go unnoticed.

The home study portion of the adoption process can take from six months to one year to complete if delays arise.

Illness, vacation or waiting for documentation to arrive can prolong the home study. An average of two to three months is usual, not counting the time allotted to group meetings that adoptive parents are generally required to attend.

In general, the group sessions cover topics such as parenting skills, the pros and cons of adoption, ways to introduce extended family to adoption and ways to help the child adjust to his or her new family.

A public agency does not usually charge a fee for a home study, because the program is funded through state and federal taxes. However, be sure to discuss fees thoroughly and obtain the fee schedule in writing so there are no misunderstandings.

Remember, even though an adoption home study may seem invasive or lengthy, it is conducted to prepare the family for adoption and help them decide whether adoption is the best option for the family.

Another part of the adoption process is the autobiographical statement which is essentially the story of your life.

The adoptive parents may be asked to describe who reared them and their style of childrearing, how many brothers and sisters they have and where they are in the birth order.

The autobiographical statement is designed to answer many questions. "Were you close to your parents and siblings when you were a child, are you close now, how much contact do you have with them? What are some successes or failures that you have experienced? What educational level have you reached? Do you plan to further your education? Are you happy with your educational attainments? What do you think about education for a child? What is your employment status and your employment history? Do you have plans to change employment? Do you like your current job?"

If the adoptive parents are married, there will be questions about the marriage. These questions will answer "how you met, how long you dated before you married, how long you have been married, what attracted you to each other, what your spouse's strengths and weaknesses are and the issues on which you agree and disagree in your marriage."

Other questions may inquire how the family makes decisions, solves problems, settles arguments, communicates, expresses feelings and shows affection.

If the adoptive parent is single, there will be questions about the parent's social life and how they anticipate integrating a child into it.

In the autobiographical statement you will probably describe their ordinary routines, such as their typical weekday or weekend, their hobbies and interests and their leisure time activities.

They may also describe their plans for child care if they work outside the home. There will be questions that cover their experiences with children, relatives, children, neighbors, volunteer work, babysitting, teaching or coaching.

The adoptive parents might be asked some "what if" questions regarding discipline or other parenting issues.

They will probably be asked about their neighborhood. How friendly are you with your neighbors? What kind of people live nearby? Is it a safe area?

Why did you pick this neighborhood? Are you located conveniently to community resources, such as medical facilities, recreational facilities, shopping areas and religious facilities?

They will probably be asked about religion. Their level of religious practice and what kind of religious upbringing, if any, they will give to the child?

There may be a section on specific adoption-related issues, including questions such as why do the adoptive parents want to adopt, what kind of child do they feel they can best parent and why. How will they tell the child he or she is adopted and when will they tell the child?

They may not know the answers right away, but hopefully the social worker guiding them through the home study process will offer advice on describing these various topics.

Most agencies require a physical exam of prospective adoptive parents, or at least a current tuberculosis test. Others just want to know that the adoptive parents are essentially healthy, have a normal life expectancy and are able to physically and emotionally handle the care of a child.

A serious health problem that affects life expectancy may prevent approval.

Many states are requiring that criminal record and child abuse record clearances be conducted on all adoptive parent applicants.

A felony conviction, or any charge involving children or illegal substances, would most likely not be tolerated.

Usually adoptive parents are asked to verify their income by providing a copy of their paycheck stub, a copy of a W-4 form or an income tax form.

Adoptive parents do not have to be wealthy to adopt, but the agency will want to determine that the child will be entering a family that manages its finances responsibly and adequately.

The agency will probably ask you

for the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three or four individuals to serve as references for the adoptive parents.

Approval would rarely be denied on the grounds of a negative reference alone. However, if it were one of several negative factors or if several of the references were negative, the agency may not approve the application.

The regulations serve to protect the best interest of the child and to ensure he or she is placed in a loving, caring, healthy and safe environment.

While agencies differ in their requirements, most consider both single and married applicants for these children.

Those who apply need not own their homes, be experienced parents or have separate bedrooms for each child, because children of the same sex can share a bedroom.

Most adoptions (approximately 90 percent) are happy and successful. The adoptions that do not work out often involve children who have serious behavior problems because of trauma they suffered earlier in life.

Adopting a child can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. However, the adoption process can be emotionally trying, time consuming and frustrating.

Abuse can leave physical and emotional scars. It is important to discuss all aspects of a child's history with the agency social workers and to discuss the availability of counseling or other services, just in case they might be needed, before deciding to adopt such a child.

Adopting a child always requires a waiting period.

If you want to adopt a child with special needs, you can begin to review photolistings immediately to identify appropriate children.

For any type of adoption, even after a child is found, you may have to wait weeks or months while final arrangements are made.

After a child is placed with you, you must fulfill the legal requirements for adoption. Hiring an attorney may be necessary at this time, if you have not already retained one.

Usually a child lives with the adoptive family for at least six months before the adoption is finalized legally, although this period varies according to state law and the conditions of the child and family.

Congressman Dave Camp (R-Michigan) recently praised President Bill Clinton for helping to make adoption reform a national priority and urged the president to support Camp's plan to streamline the adoption process.

Camp stated the primary barriers to adoption are not caused by lack of funding, but problems in the system that prevent children from finding adoptive homes.

Camp's adoption reform plan would do the following: requires states to through specific language to more aggressively pursue adoption efforts when a child has been abandoned, tortured, severely abused, severely sexually abused or had a sibling murdered by a parent; closes legal loopholes that may lead to a child's return to a dangerous home; speeds up the adoption hearing process from 18 to 12 months to shorten the amount of time a child spends in foster care.

"While waiting in foster care many children risk being returned to an abusive home while a safe, permanent home waits in the wings," Camp said.

"Too often a child's best interests are abandoned during long stays in multiple foster homes while courts and welfare agencies drag their feet," said Camp. "This legislation would help children lead better lives and build stronger families. I look forward to having the president's support as we work to make the adoption process more compassionate toward our country's kids."

Camp introduced this bill Feb. 27.

"The primary goal of the adoption process should be to meet the needs of the child," said Camp. "Along every step of the way, we should keep the child's health and safety in mind. By cutting the red tape and removing legal barriers to permanent adoption, we make the child's safety and well-being our number one priority."

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## Friends, family honor Granger

George Granger was honored on his 90th birthday on March 5, 1997, when friends gathered at Goodale's Bakery to greet him and enjoy his birthday cake and coffee. About 40 guests wished him "Happy birthday," among them his sons, Jim and Marilyn Granger of Cheboygan, with whom George is now making his home; George and Shirley Granger of Cadillac; his sister-in-law, Irene Stephan of Cadillac; and Emil Tahvonen of Lansing. Carole and Larry Gust hosted the event.



George Granger



Mr. and Mrs. Pete Oppermann

## Nation's largest free tree giveaway begins

Ecology Crossroad's Arbor Day (SM) Program is enlisting the help of country music star Billy Dean, rock legend Ted Nugent, children's recording artist David Grover and others to promote a nationwide tree giveaway. The program coincides with the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day next month.

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## Industrial business completes \$2 million expansion

A new machine, enlarged building, a new building, computer upgrade and other new equipment are all part of a \$2 million expansion recently completed by Custom Forest Products, Inc. in Grayling.

The large expansion at the local business located at the end of Industrial Drive also created 25 new jobs, and

more new positions may be on the way.

Although the business involves a number of different wood products, the two main products made by Custom Forest Products are venetian blinds and wood shutters. The expansion will help business in both areas, as the warehouse space and a new, state-of-

the-art UV machine line have been added.

The increase in warehouse space

will provide the company with more room to hold more of the common products ordered by places across the United States. Business officials said the orders can be filled more quickly, due to the increase in warehouse

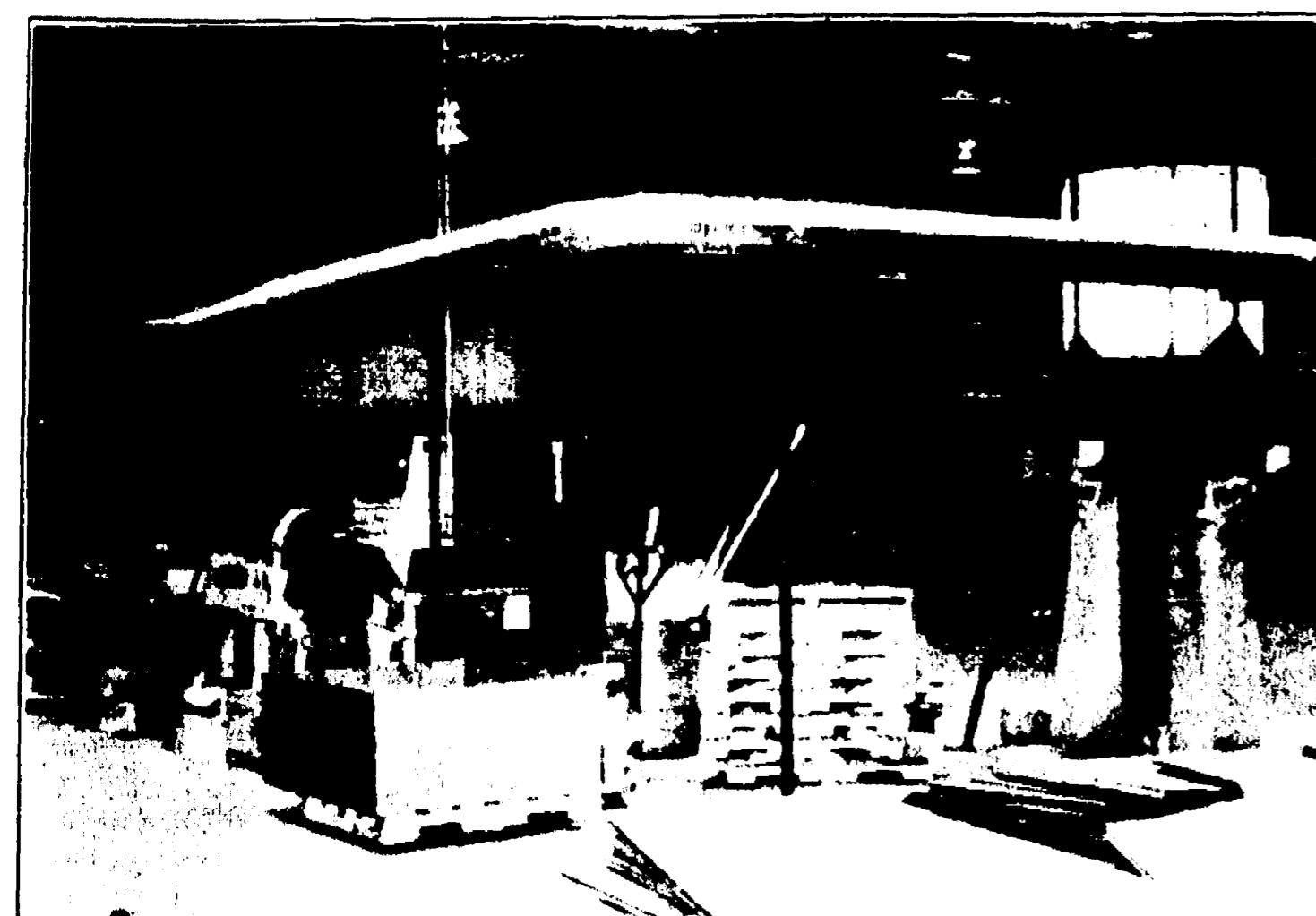
capability.

The Grayling business used to just make the product and ship them out. The product would be handled by three or more different places to put primer and other things on to the blind or shutter. The new UV putty and prime line will cut down on the number of places that will have to handle the product.

The UV machine will put the initial coat on the blinds, said Todd Gabriel, Custom Forest Products vice president, and Tim Neff, treasurer. This will lead to less handling of the product once it is shipped out of the Grayling location.

The new line is called a UV machine because the paint is dried by ultra violet light. According to Neff and Gabriel, the new UV technology is used in a lot of industries, but has just started being used with wood products.

Custom Forest Products has hired approximately 25 new hourly employees since the expansion began. According to Neff and Gabriel, the total of new employees will reach 45 to 50 when the new UV line has been perfected.



**NEW LINE** — Custom Forest Products completed a \$2 million expansion. This new UV putty and prime line is new to the Grayling business. The UV machine dries the paint by using ultra violet light.

## MILITARY NEWS

### Jill Love

Jill I. Love entered the United States Air Force on Feb. 26, according to SSgt. Todd Bulmer in East Tawas.

Upon graduation from six weeks at the Basic Military Training course at Lackland, Texas, she will receive technical training as a Precision Measurement Equipment Lab Apprentice and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

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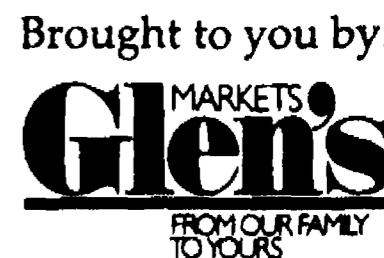
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**RECREATION HELP** — A photo program has helped the Grayling Youth Booster Club raise funds. Pictured, from left, are: Donna Schnoor, photo technician; Larry McNamara, business owner; John Alef, Booster Club member; and June Karjalainen, photo technician.

## Pictures provide fund raiser for area youth

Mac's Drug Store, through their photo department, has helped the Grayling Youth Booster Club develop a fund-raising program to benefit youth recreation activities within the community. With booster club members shooting the film and Mac's Drugs developing the pictures, excess funds are donated back to the youth organizations. Donna Schnoor and June Karjalainen, Mac's Drugs photo technicians, have developed many photographs for area youth and provided assistance in the picture-taking process to booster club members. Larry McNamara, owner of Mac's Drugs, donates a percentage of

the film and developing costs to the booster Club. This donation and excess revenue is then given to the organizations participating in the program.

Through this program, funds in excess of \$3,000 have been raised for youth organizations in the past two years. Participating organizations to date have included Grayling Little League, Grayling Redskins Football, Grayling Youth Bowling Association, and the GRA Soccer and Basketball programs. Youth organizations interested in being part of this program can contact Booster Club President Doug Hinkle at 348-5214 for details.

## MILITARY NEWS

### Christopher Steckling

Navy Seaman Christopher R. Steckling, a 1992 graduate of Roscommon High School of Roscommon, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Steckling completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Steckling and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Steckling joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy, just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Steckling and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Steckling are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training. Those interested in details in a career in the Navy can call 1-800-USA-NAVY or visit the internet at [www.Navyjobs.com](http://www.Navyjobs.com).

## Grant offers funding for potential Little Leaguers

If you are interested in playing baseball or softball, as offered through the Grayling Little League, but you are concerned that you can't afford the cost of the sign up fee, this message is for you.

A grant, provided from the Crawford County Family Coordinating Council, has allowed AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau to create a funding program called the Youth Recreation Assistance Program.

If persons are of school age, a Crawford County resident, and currently qualify for a free or reduced lunch at

school, they qualify for financial assistance through this program. To have fees paid by the Youth Recreation Assistance Program, have a parent or legal guardian stop by the Youth Service Bureau office on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. and fill out the application form. In most cases, approval can be made at the time of application.

The Youth Service Bureau office is located in the Human Resource Center across the parking lot from the St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West.

## Little League tryouts set

The Grayling Little League will be holding tryouts at the Grayling High School gym on March 23 for prospective Little Leaguers.

The tryouts will run according to the

following schedule:

Nine- and 10-year-old Major and Major/Minor League Baseball at 6 p.m.; 11- and 12-year-old Major League Baseball at 7 p.m.; and 13-, 14-, and 15-year-old Senior League Baseball at 8 p.m.

Children seven- and eight-years old and girl softball players do not have tryouts. Early registrations can still be turned in at Sylvestors of Grayling until March 22 or to league officials at the tryouts on March 23. Early registration fees are \$25 per player or \$50 per family.

Late registrations after the tryouts will be accepted from March 24 to April 20 at Sylvestors. Players not attending the tryouts will still be eligible to be placed on a team during draft night on April 20. Late registration fees are \$35 per player and/or \$60 per family.

Persons having questions regarding the Little League may contact Player Agent Diane Tobin at 517-348-5361 or Little League President Tom Haskell at 517-348-8722.

## Bids accepted for shop items

At Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting five bids for Grayling High School shop items were accepted.

The bids accepted are as follows: Milling Machine - Dave Whitcher \$350; Metal Lathes - John Rolfe \$760; Drill Press - Deane Systems \$600; Welders - William Wright \$75; and Spot Welder - Doug Strelchuk \$65.

## MILITARY NEWS

### Nathan Weaver

Nathan O. Weaver has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Petoskey.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Weaver, a senior at Grayling High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for military basic training July 10.

He is the son of Steve O. and Elizabeth A. Weaver of Frederic.

## Choirs do well at competition

The Grayling High School choir recently competed and earned a II rating in the sight reading portion. The choir earned an overall rating of I.

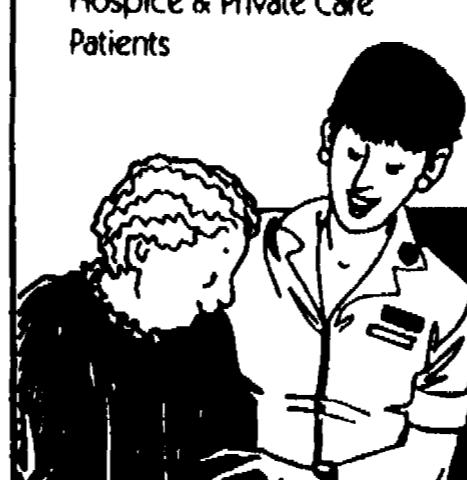
The Grayling Middle School choir competed for the first year ever recently.

The choir received a I rating in the sight reading portion of the competition, but received an overall rating of II.

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## OBITUARIES

### Fern Failing

Fern I. Failing, 82, of Roscommon, died March 14, 1997, at Hiltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon.

She was born in Grayling on April 26, 1914, to Paul and Emma (LaMotte) Lovely, and lived in the Grayling-Roscommon area for her entire life.

Mrs. Failing was married in Grayling on April 18, 1931 to Rolla M. Failing. She was a homemaker; a member of St. Michael Church in Roscommon; and a former member of St. Mary's Church in Grayling.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Rollain in 1991, and son Lloyd in 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Joanne and husband Carlton Mead of Roscommon, and Linda and husband Fred Slocum of Lawton; three brothers, Roy and wife, Missouri Lovely of Grayling, Leo and wife Edith Lovely of Sanford; two sisters, Nina Doremire and Ruth Golnick both of Grayling; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 17, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Roscommon. Fr. John E. McCracken officiated. Arrangements were made by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. Burial was in Higgins Cemetery in Roscommon.

### Joseph Robinson

Joseph W. Robinson, 70, of Frederic, died at his residence on March 12, 1997.

He was born in Charlotte on July 15, 1926, to Maggie and Emery Sloan.

Mr. Robinson was a resident of Frederic for 23 years, and was also a prior resident of Grayling and Lewiston. He was a self-employed maintenance worker.

Preceding him in death were his granddaughter, Esther Poll, and his parents.

Surviving are his wife, Emily "Peggy" L. Robinson of Frederic; seven daughters: Betty Rose Robinson of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mary and husband Mike Everson of Grayling; Betty Gardner of Grayling; Bonnie Poll of Grayling; Normal Small of Flint; Winnie Gilligan of Ohio; and Patty Carson of Ohio; two sons: Herbert Rinner of Walled Lake and Ed Elliott of Grayling; 40 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Friday, March 14, at 3 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Reverend Dale Hammond officiated.

### Vina Walker

Vina M. Walker, 70, of Grayling, died at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on Monday, March 17, 1997.

She was born in Greenup, Kentucky, on May 19, 1926, to William and Annabelle (Brown) Jessie. Both parents are deceased.

Mrs. Walker was a Grayling resident for 40 years; she moved here from Johannesburg. She was employed as a caregiver in the foster care business. Mrs. Walker attended the Grayling Assembly of God Church, where she was a lay-minister.

Surviving are four daughters, Evelyn and Robert Davis of Grayling, Geneva and Lyle Canfield of Houghton Lake, Bethanna Lou Davis and Dan Canfield of Grayling, Ellen and Frank Dine of Kingsley; brother Freeman Fraley of Mount Pleasant; sister-in-law Eva Fraley of Vanderbilt; 25 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Rev. J. Douglas Patterson will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Otsego County in the spring.

### Audrey Diener

Audrey M. Diener, 75, of Beaver Creek, died March 15, 1997, at her son's residence in Eastpointe.

She was born in Detroit on Sept. 29, 1921, to Jack and Melva Woelfle.

Mrs. Diener served in the Navy during WWII and was a retired secretary for Chrysler Corporation. She moved to Beaver Creek 19 years ago from Eastpointe.

Preceding her in death was her parents, and her husband, Harold O. "Jack" Diener, in 1994.

Surviving are sons, Gary Gordon of Eastpointe and Thomas and wife Theresa Gordon of Warren; daughter Carol Ann Day of Palmdale, Calif.; stepdaughters, Susan and husband Ronald Buttery of Eastpointe, Mary and husband Klaus Doll of St. Clair Shores; stepson William and wife Louise Diener of Warren; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. Reverend Robert W. Nalley will be officiating. Interment of ashes will be in Beaver Creek Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel of Grayling.

Memorials to Michigan Home Health Care are suggested by her family.

### Michael LaBean

Michael S. LaBean, 44, of South Branch Township, Roscommon, died at his home on Tuesday, March 18, 1997.

He was born in Clawson on April 25, 1952, to Benjamin Samuel LaBean and Peggy Sue Hickman. He had resided in the Roscommon area for 26 years, coming from Clawson. His father preceded him in death.

Mr. LaBean was employed as a truck driver.

On Feb. 22, 1997, he married Elaine T. (Mills) LaBean in South Branch Township.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine; three children, Heather LaBean of Roscommon, Michael and wife Bridget LaBean of Ft. Dix, New Jersey, and Nicholas LaBean of Deltona, Fla.; two step-daughters, Stephanie Sachjen of Jackson and Melissa Mills of Vernon, Ill.; two grandchildren; mother, Peggy Sue Brothers of Wayne; four brothers, Larry LaBean of Roscommon, Bob and wife Sherry LaBean of Fostoria, Terry and wife Jackie LaBean of Royal Oak, and Dave and wife Amelia LaBean of Vernon, Ill., also many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. John Bialek will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery in Roscommon.

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### Card of thanks,

George Granger and his family would like to thank all of his friends who helped him celebrate his 90th Birthday at Goodale's Bakery on March 5.

## Strohpaul, Stancil honored

At the Grayling City and Township Fire Department Dinner on March 8, Grayling Fire Chief Russell H. Strohpaul, Jr. was awarded a plaque by fellow firefighters for his 10 years of service as Grayling Fire Chief.

Although Strohpaul is remaining on the department as a firefighter, he made the decision to resign as fire chief effective April 1, for personal reasons.

After accepting the award, Strohpaul recognized the officers and members for making his job easier.

## Century 21 River Country Real Estate earns quality service award

Century 21 Real Estate Corporation has honored local Century 21 River Country Real Estate with its Quality Service Award.

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"The Quality Service Award recognizes Century 21 River Country Real Estate for its dedication to customer satisfaction and quality service, upon which the Century 21 system has built its current worldwide reputation as an industry leader," said Mayo S. Stuntz, Jr., executive vice president and chief operating officer for Century 21 Real Estate Corporation.

"Client service is essential to our business and its success," said Randy G. Thompson, broker/owner of Century 21 River Country Real Estate. "This award depicts the quality service that we strive for with every client we proudly serve."

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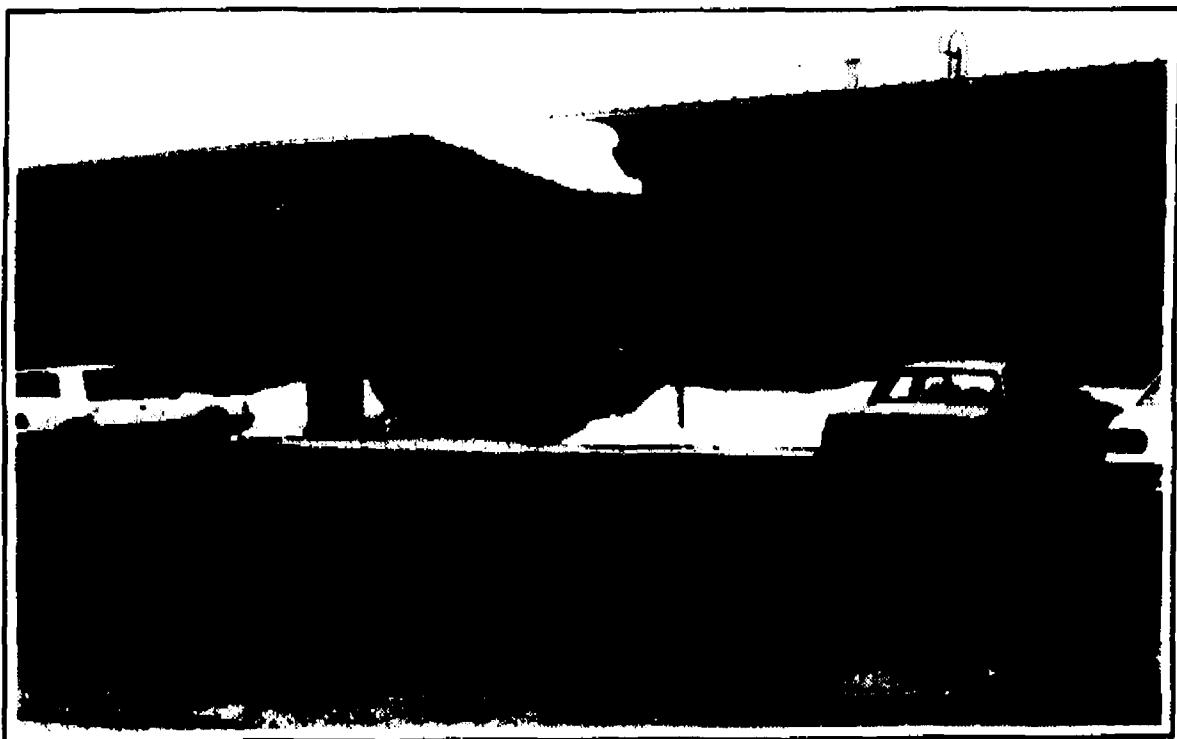
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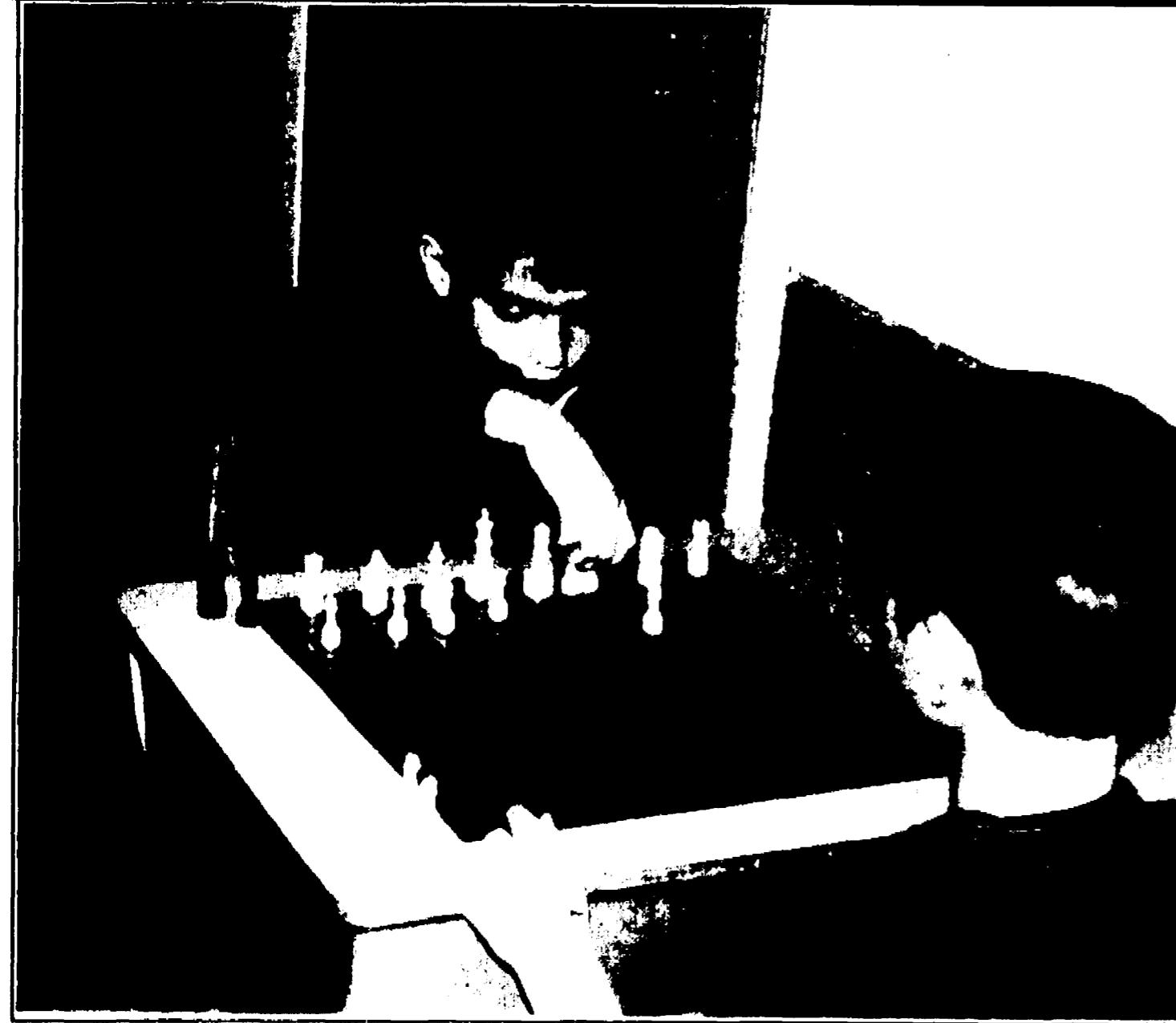
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# NOTES NORTHERN

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 20, 1997



**CHECK MATE** -- Sean Vogel (left) plays chess with his brother Ryan at the Arts and Smarts Fair held at AuSable Primary on Saturday, March 15. photo by Lisa Hofman

## Arts and Smarts Fair has numerous participants from Grayling area schools

The Arts and Smarts Fair "Through a Window", held March 15 at the AuSable Primary School had numerous projects submitted.

In the Linguistic category the following participated: First Grade class project, Through a Window poetry; Hank Abney, second grade, sports poem; Tara McLachlan, second grade, jump rope rhyme;

Class project, second grade, When School Gets Out; Chelsey Smith, second grade, dolphin report; Billy

Weaver, second grade, Crayons; Geo Gassner, second grade, sports poem;

Zac Baker and Nick Parkinson, multiage, football report diorama; Heather Paterson and Danielle Williams, multiage, interview;

Trisha Peterson, multiage, report on the moon;

Brittany Sloan, multiage, dolphin report/project; Vanessa Vogel, multiage, hamster report/poster; Tim Boeger and Jess Farbootham, second

grade, tree poem.

In the Logical/Math category the following students participated: Peter Alexander, kindergarten, What Things are Magnetic?; Jessica Bindschatel, kindergarten, What Happens When You Use Colored Water on Plants?; Terry Maxwell, kindergarten, Density of Liquids;

John Cochrane, kindergarten, Solar System; Racelle McLachlan, kindergarten, Is There a Temperature Change in Sand Mixtures?; Blue Group kindergarten, sinking wood; Yellow Group kindergarten, properties of wood;

Gabrielle Calkins, first grade, Sweet Crystals; Rachel Doremire, first grade, Telling Time - Candle Clock; Chantel Grant, first grade, Solar System - Through a Telescope;

Andria Howe, first grade, Is Soil Necessary for Germination?; Reid Holzbauer, first grade, Electromagnets; Class project kindergarten, What Makes the Shadows?;

Bradley McDonald, second grade, Magnetic Penetration; Andrew Hart, second grade, volcano; Mitchell Hernandez, second grade, Red Sky at Night; Tara McLachlan, second grade, Charting Size of Boys and Girls;

Class project, first grade, Crystal Painting; A.J. Brackenbury, second grade, volcano; Paul Brown and Family, second grade, Solar System; Ali Ferrigan and Kelly Lange, second grade, volcano; Abby Hiltonen, second grade, How Will Temperature Effect Melting Ice?;

Jesse Ginther, second grade, Electric Dancing; Small group, second grade, Trip to Florida; Annah King, second grade, Mixing Substances to Make a Gas; and Ethan Tilson, second grade, "Addwiz".

Participants in the Bodily-Kinesthetic category are as follows: Nick Tompkins and Family, second grade, Solar System; Megan Burrick, multiage, How Do I Solve This?; Scot Olson, multiage, Evaporation; Andrew Wingfield, multiage, Science Surprise; Nick Fitzpatrick, multiage, Making a Model Rocket;

Zeke Hayes, multiage, The Shadow of a Ghost; Wade McGregor, multiage, volcano and report; Ben Jones, Zach Sheldon, Matt Montgomery, second grade, playground model; Justin Riehle, second grade, Blood Flow of the Heart;

Trey Townsend, second grade, "Look"; and Jessica Bonda and Christi Schmidt, multiage, Do you want to learn gymnastics?

In the Musical portion of the program Andy Curriston, first grade, Open Your Window and Hear the Music; and Staci Dent and friends, multiage,

## Middle school, high school science fair nets awards

by Lisa Hofman

Staff Reporter

At the sixth through 12th grade science fair held at Grayling Middle School on March 15 the following students were awarded ribbons:

Sixth grade - Life Science first place - Nicole Marie Persing "Do all people feel pain the same?"; second place - Melissa King/Jennie Gibbons "How does salt affect the growth of brine shrimp?"; third place - Heather Merchant "How do plants grow?".

Sixth grade - Physical Matter first place - Coleman Payne/Shane Ferrell; Mary Wingfield/Halie Phipps "Can simple tests be used to determine the presence of starch, fat and protein in foods?"; Jenni Rusiecki/Maeghan Corwin "Can a house key be electroplated?";

Second place - Chris Cragg/Jason Henning "How much volume does carbon dioxide have when it is released when seltzer tablets react with water at room temperature?"; Tara Papendick/Ashly Longendyke "How does a cloud form?"; Danielle Beckwith/Sarah Golnick "How do we

breathe?";

Third place Natasha Gates/Nicole Lutz "How does photography work?"; Ashlea Mitchell/Amber Moore "What makes things float on water?"; Anneliese Finke/Cody Myers "How do crystals change over a period of time?".

Sixth grade - Physical Energy first place - Sean Doyle/Willy Brewer "How does electricity flow?"; Tyler Huber/Josh Jurkovich "What happens if you change the weight and length of a pendulum?"; James Kenney/Zach Ostrander/Travis Lane "What solids and liquids are good conductors?";

Second place - Antonio Sala/Marc Stephan "Can a lemon conduct electricity"; Eric Hunter/Todd Gaffke "What types of things would set off a burglar alarm?"; Breck Denewitt/Brandon Jacobs "Can a magnetized needle work like a compass?"; Dustin R. Ellis "Which ingredients from a seltzer tablet cause a reaction in water that produces a gas?";

Third place - Chrissy Strait/April Brown "What will make the best insulator?"; Monica Safin/Rebecca Spicer "What would make a water wheel more efficient?"; Justin Hanes/Matt Boardman "Why does the sun turn orange and red when it sets at dusk and not another color?".

In the seventh and eighth grade

division Ashlee Cox/Sarah Weaver "What is a tumor and what causes it?"; and Alexis Sumner/Ann Hughes "Do earthworms help terrariums grow? placed first.

Annie Spencer "What are the layers of the earth?" placed second.

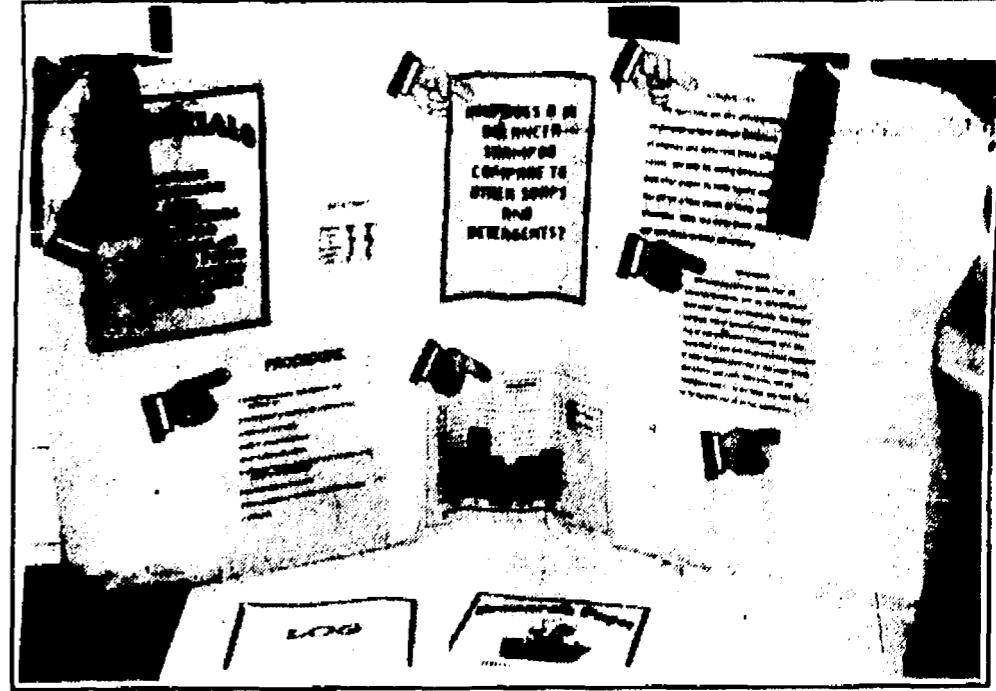
In the high school division Crystal Pilon "What are acids and alkalies?" placed first. Armand Lawrence/James Jones "How does a pH scale work in household work?"; Annie Becks/Vickie Carter "What is an atomic particle accelerator?"; and Kelly Taylor/Krystal Harris "How does age affect light and dark adaptation to the eye?" also placed first.

Sara Eagen/Louie Kehr "Does environment play a part in plant growth?"; Meaghan Gosling/Shannon Wakeley "What are the characteristics of waves?"; Brad Larm/Mike Knight/Kris Uri "What is torque?" placed second.

Placing third was Michelle Dunckley/Jessica St. Germain "What are the composition of forces?"; Shannon Papendick "What effects the periods of a pendulum?"; Jenny Ohsowski/Nikki Schornack "What is momentum?".

Rachael Evon/Sasha Latuszek "Art fair project 'Candy Solar System'" earned the chairperson special award.

**SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS** -- Pictured below is an example of the projects at this years sixth through twelfth grade science fair. The fair was held March 15 at Grayling Middle School.



**LEARNING TO TIE DYE** -- Nick Parkinson tie dyes a T-shirt at the Arts and Smarts Fair held at the AuSable Primary School on Saturday. The fair was designed under the multiple intelligences concept and included a hands on portion. photo by Lisa Hofman

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**Boys basketball is honored for hard work**

by Craig Hofman

Sports Writer

The 1996-97 boys basketball banquet was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Wednesday, March 12.

Freshmen coach Doug Simons introduced and recognized each of the freshmen players.

Coach Simons also recognized Eric LaForest for his help all season long.

Ray Trudgeon started late, but possesses good skills.

Matt Mitchell worked hard and was very positive through his injuries.

Adam Knapp was a positive role model and emotional leader.

Joe Fritz worked hard and gave his all.

Tim Ormsbee was positive and always gave his all.

Marcus Weaver played hard and worked all year.

Brian McCurdy was very consistent with 17 points and 10 rebounds a game.

Josh Brannon played a great point and was very unselfish.

Brad Wilson and Dave Hawkins were the captains and did an outstanding job as leaders for the team.

The junior varsity cheerleaders were introduced by coach Kelly Simmons who thanked Chris Burrell the varsity coach for her help.

"The girls were great to work with and they were a motivated bunch," said Simmons.

The junior varsity cheerleaders are Jamie Anderson, Tasha Carlisle, Heather Hatfield, Missy Jackson, Amanda Webb, Darcy Trudgeon, and Heidi Wallace.

Freshmen Amanda Webb won the coaches award and Darcy Trudgeon won the most spirited award.

The junior varsity basketball players were introduced by their coach Butch Hayes.

Hayes complimented the players for their continuous effort especially during practices. He said the kids worked hard and were some of the hardest working groups he has ever had.

Travis Huber was a co-captain and improved his game a lot since the year before.

Jeremy Jones was a utility type player and showed great leadership.

Pete Meade was a very versatile player who contributed a lot to the team.

Jeremy Millikin was a strong



**END OF A SEASON** -- Head Coach Rich Moffit speaks to the crowd about the Grayling High School varsity basketball team. The team, pictured at left, celebrated the end of their season with a banquet held Wednesday, March 12.

photo by Craig Hofman

presence inside and has good skills outside.

Mike Ostwald had great leaping ability and can control the boards.

Jason Potter was another utility player and has good post moves.

Kevin Jansen had a great touch around the basket.

Kyle Maples was a hard worker and pushed others.

Adam Knapp came up in the last weeks of the season, but gave them a true post player.

Nate Beckwith and Eli Tobin went up to the varsity level, but were the leading scorer and leading ball handler respectively for the first half or more of the year.

Chris Burrell introduced the varsity cheerleaders. The varsity squad ended up with only four members and she was proud of the way that they stuck it out.

Annie Becks won the dedication award.

Jesse Becks won the spirit award.

Tiffany Craige won the 100 percent award.

Mary Hibbard won the coaches award.

The varsity team was introduced by head coach Rich Moffit who recognized Assistant Superintendent Paul Lerg, Principal Judith Gorski and Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Mitchell Roscranz for their leadership.

Moffit also thanked Barry Davis who has coached for 32 years and is being nominated for the Hall of Fame.

He also thanked Gary Hopp for all of his time with the program.

Moffit praised the team for being a class act on and off the court and announced that this was the first time that the Grayling team was being nominated for All-State Academic team with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.22. Brad Larm and Ben Haskel both have over a 4.0 average.

Moffit said that the team improved as the year went along and being a young team gives them a good look for the future.

Freshman Nate Hinkle had an impressive year leading the team in points with 237. He was 61-for-122 from inside the three-point line, 29-of-79 from beyond the three-point line and went to the free-throw line 58 times and made 34. Hinkle also led the team in steals with 34 and with defensive deflections with 112.

Freshman Eli Tobin who came up in the second half of the season got some valuable playing experience and had 41 assists and 39 deflections in the

varsity games he played.

Sophomore Brad Ritter showed a lot of improvement in the low-post area and shot 60 percent from the field.

Ritter was 46-of-77 from two-point land and only attempted one three pointer. Ritter also collected 82 deflections, 28 steals and 69 rebounds.

Sophomore Nathan Beckwith who moved up the last few weeks of the season also received some valuable time and shot 57 percent from the floor. Beckwith was 17-of-30 from two-point land and 3-of-10 from the three-point line.

Sophomore Matt LaForest had some big scoring games for the Vikings, scoring over 20 points in a few games and, according to Moffit, can be an impact player if he improves. LaForest was the third leading scorer with 166 points and was 35-of-69 from the two-point area and 22-of-52 from the three-point line. LaForest added 45 rebounds, 38 assists and had 83 deflections and 27 steals.

Junior Rob Dent led the team in free-throw percentage at 83 percent and was a competitive player who worked hard.

Junior Gorden Elsner was a smart player who always had a positive attitude.

Junior Travis Parkinson improved throughout the year and was one of three players to have more assists than turnovers. Parkinson had 68 assists which led the team and only 45 turnovers. He also had 84 deflections, 46 rebounds and 30 steals.

Junior Mike Harland was complimented on his hard work and ability to play the game.

Senior Sam Modica had 99 points, 67 rebounds and 40 assists. He also posted 69 deflections and 18 steals.

Senior captain Brad Larm was the second leading scorer with 175 points, and showed and led by example with his great hustle and poise on the floor. Larm led the team with 84 rebounds and posted 36 assists, 87 deflections and 30 steals.

Senior Ben Haskel was complimented on his hard defensive work and being a positive model and a great captain. Haskel had 84 deflections, 69 rebounds and 21 steals.

Senior captain David Sabin played center and played outstanding. He was the second leading scorer from two-point land with 82 points and scored 121 overall. Sabin added to the team with 69 rebounds, 82 deflections, and 28 steals.

The Most Improved Player of the Year Award went to Brad Ritter who, according to Moffit, seemed to under-

stand the post better after their game against Houghton Lake.

Mr. Hustle Award for on and off the court went to Travis Parkinson.

Mr. Defense Award went to Ben Haskel who was matched up against the toughest player on the opposing team.

The Most Valuable Player Award went to Brad Larm for his all-around game and leadership on and off the court.

The Vikings ended their season with a 5-16 record and came in third in the conference with a 3-5 record.

As a team, the Vikings shot 43 percent from the two-point area, hitting 337-of-779 shots. They shot 31 percent from the three-point line, going 95-for-306. The Vikings shot 57 percent from the free-throw line, hitting 206-for-362. The Vikings scored a total of 1,157 points.

The Vikings posted 566 rebounds and 324 assists. They had 702 deflections and 247 steals.

Grayling is looking forward to the future with many returning players and upcoming players that will make a great contribution.

**January housing starts take expected turn**

Michigan 1997 housing project starts were down 14.6 percent from 1996 year-to-date totals through the month of January. January housing project starts were down 26.6 percent from December.

"We expect 1997 to be a solid year," said Rick Delamater, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "1996 was a tremendously strong year. A slight cool down can be expected in 1997, which will bring us to a more realistic pace that will probably be sustained through 1998. Decent job formation and attractive interest rates should support demand throughout the year."

Fixed-rate mortgages increased slightly to 7.87 percent in January from 7.57 percent in December. Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber rose to \$436 in January from \$429 in December.

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- characters about the same age and sex as your child
- animals and funny creatures
- a wide variety of recognizable objects, such as trucks and trees
- catchy lines or refrains
- books you can read in one sitting

# Godlewski, St. Germain named MVPs

by Eric Gaertner

News Editor

The Grayling volleyball teams held their annual awards banquet on Monday, March 17, and a junior and a senior walked away with the top varsity award.

Junior Amy Godlewski and senior Jessica St. Germain will have their names engraved on the Most Valuable Player plaque with a number of past Viking volleyball stars. These two players represent two of the different facets of volleyball, as St. Germain was the top hitter this season and Godlewski was the team leader in sets.

The banquet was the last high school volleyball function for St. Germain, Jessica Waite and Erin Smith. The three seniors of the 1996-97 Viking squad will graduate this year. Smith, Waite and St. Germain were honored at the banquet for serving as tri-captains this season.

The all-conference medals also were distributed at the banquet. Nicole Craigie, St. Germain and Godlewski were first team all-conference selections, and Kristie Cadeau, Waite and Smith were honorable mention conference selections.

In addition to the MVP award, other honors were handed out by Coach Rebecca Brown to the players. Cadeau was given the Hustle Award for her play this season.

The Most Improved Player award was given to Mandy Trudgeon. The person who picked her teammates up when they needed it this year, Krystal Savoy, earned the Spirit Award.

Jamie McGuire, Rebecca Shahan, Craigie and St. Germain were honored with coaches awards.

## Grayling powerlifters take eighth in state

by Craig Hofman

Sports Writer

The Grayling High School powerlifting team traveled to Burton-Bendle on Saturday, March 15, to compete in the State Powerlifting Competition.

The Vikings were the farthest northern team to compete in the competition. There were over 40 teams competing and over 400 lifters.

According to coach Rodney Patterson, the meet started at 10 a.m. and did not finish until 9 p.m.

Each weight class was highly competitive with some weight classes having over 50 entries.

"The team did an outstanding job and they deserve all the credit for their hard work and effort which is voluntary on their part," said Patterson.

"It was great to see so many parents, and also junior varsity football coach Doug Pummell who gave a whole day to help us out," said Patterson.

The Vikings placed eighth in the state competition, but were only four points out of fifth place.

All of the lifters did an outstanding job, but a few really made their presence felt.

At the 132-pound class, Jesse Hannum took second overall and had a three lift combined weight of 850 pounds.

Joe Woidan had an outstanding meet, lifting a total of 1,065 pounds in all three lifts and placing second overall.

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2. Alex Fedak ..... 618

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3. Justin Root ..... 608

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4. Dan Mathey Jr ..... 602

5. Danielle Gintner ..... 601

6. Dana Ashton ..... 598

7. Charlie Helsel ..... 592

8. William Cox ..... 592

9. Stacy Helsel ..... 590

10. Chris Francis ..... 587

11. Ashley Turner ..... 586

12. Mike Cousins ..... 569

13. Jennifer Mathey ..... 565

14. Tyesha Root ..... 562

15. April Wheeler ..... 542

16. Andrea Vogel ..... 535

17. William Mathey ..... 483

71-100

1. Curtis Marculewicz ..... 677

\$100 Bond

2. Alyson Helsel ..... 652

\$75 Bond

3. Jesse Gildner ..... 630

\$50 Bond

4. Kalub Fedak ..... 615

5. Travis LaMotte ..... 615

6. Crystal Danniels ..... 586

A recently added award for Viking players who perform on the court and in the classroom also was given to players this year. St. Germain and Waite each played volleyball for four years in high school and finished with a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

A number of Grayling spikers were named to specific, end-of-the-year clubs after meeting some requirements.

Four Vikings will have their names placed on the Finesse Club plaque for setting, and one also made it for tips. The player had to finish with at least 100 sets with 90 percent accuracy, and the tip portion could be reached by having at least 215 tips with 90 percent accuracy.

Godlewski (953), Cadeau (899), McGuire (109) and St. Germain (100) each made the finesse club for sets. St. Germain (302) also made it for tips.

One Viking made the Precision Pass Club with at least 750 passes. Waite finished the season with 783 passes.

Four Grayling volleyball players were named to the Ace Club this year with at least 225 good serves. Godlewski (320), St. Germain (302), Waite (294) and Cadeau (247) all made the club.

The final club is the Block and Block Buster Club. A player needed to finish with at least 100 blocks and/or 200 spikes to make this club. Craigie (211) and St. Germain (106) made it for blocks.

St. Germain (359), Craigie (356), Godlewski (222) and Waite (220) all made the Block Buster Club for spikes.

The junior varsity coach Marty Winkler also passed out some JV honors at the banquet. She recognized her co-captains Mandy Trudgeon and

Emily Weaver.

The Most Spirit Award was given to Lindsey Voelker. The Most Improved Player for the 1996-97 JV squad was

Cheryl Papendick.

The Most Valuable Player for the young Vikings was Mandy Trudgeon.



**VALUABLE VOLLEYBALLERS** — Amy Godlewski, left, and Jessica St. Germain hold the Most Valuable Player plaque which their names will appear on. The two Grayling players were named the 1996-97 volleyball MVPs for their contributions to the team this season.

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Pirates	9-23
Rain Makers	8-24
Boy's High Game	Rusty Strohpaul, 190
Boy's High Series	Doug Wilhelm, 492
Girl's High Game	Nikki Strohpaul, 195
Girl's High Series	Nikki Strohpaul, 422

#### Beach

Sand Pipers	21-3
Star Fishes	14.5-9.5
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Wild Orchids	12-12
Sea Shells	12-12
Coconuts	11.5-12.5
Sand Castles	10-14
Jelly Fish	3-21
Boy's High Game	Travis Gildner, 141
Boy's High Series	Travis Gildner, 249
Girl's High Game	Meagan Corwin, 127
Girl's High Series	Danielle Mathey, 226

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Sea Horses	18-6
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Sea Gulls	13-11
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Lot #25 1988 Ford 9000 Cummins L-10, tank truck w/2000 gal. tank. At 221,000 miles both differentials & transmission were rebuilt, recently new water pump, radiator and muffler



# ANNUAL TAX SALE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  
ORDER FOR HEARING

NO. 95-4083-CZ

In the matter of the Petition of the State Treasurer  
of Michigan, in behalf of said State, for the sale  
of lands unpaid property taxes due.

The State Treasurer has petitioned this court for a judgment in favor of the State, against each parcel of land described in Schedule A, for the unpaid taxes, interest and charges on each parcel of land, and that the lands be sold for the amounts claimed by the State.

It is ordered that the person will be brought on for hearing and judgment at the April term of this court, to be held at Grayling, MI, in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of April, 1997.

At the opening of Court on that day, all persons who have an interest in the lands or any part thereof, who wish to contest the claim asserted by the State, shall appear in this Court and file their objections with the clerk on or before the first day of the term of this Court mentioned above, and a judgment will be made as provided in the petition if the amounts due are not paid.

It is further ordered that the lands described in the petition will be sold for the taxes, interest and charges on the first Tuesday in May thereafter, beginning at 11:00 AM in the day or day after, that are necessary to complete the sale of each parcel, at the office of the County Treasurer, or at a location selected by the Treasurer in the County seat of the County mentioned above.

This sale will be open to the public, and each parcel described in the judgment shall be separately offered for sale and sold to the person who pays the full amount charged against the parcel and accepts the smaller undivided interest in the property. Any parcel of land that is not sold on the first offering shall be reoffered on the second day, or before the close of the sale, if not sold on the second offering the County Treasurer shall bid off the parcel in the name of the State.

Witness the Hon. Alton T. Davis, Circuit Judge, and the seal of said Circuit Court of Crawford County this 14th day of February, 1997.

Alton T. Davis  
Circuit Judge

Clerk signed,

Sandra Miller, Clerk

STATE TREASURER PETITION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY  
OF CRAWFORD

In the matter of the Petition of the State Treasurer  
of Michigan, in behalf of said State, for the sale  
of certain lands for unpaid property taxes.

To the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford  
Douglas R. Roberts, State Treasurer of Michigan  
shows the court:

That he is the State Treasurer of Michigan and  
further that persons under the provisions of P.A. 304  
1987, Roberts and P.A. 380 of 1987 as amended  
herein, he has studied Schedule A, which contains the names  
and descriptions of the lands which were assessed  
for the years mentioned therein and have  
remained unpaid for more than one year after they  
were returned delinquent or for land identified as  
certified specie of repayment property under section  
55a. Wherever the lands were presented as delinquent.

3 That the amounts opposite each description of  
land are the total amounts of delinquent taxes which  
may lawfully be held at the next annual tax sale. (b)  
Interest accrued as provided by law from the first  
day of May to the property plus administration fee of  
four percent, with a minimum of \$1.00 and \$10.00 for  
expenses all in accordance with the act mentioned  
above.

4 That all of the taxes, interest and charges are  
valid and have remained delinquent for sufficient time  
to require the sale of the lands against which they were  
assessed at the next annual tax sale, and constitute  
a valid basis upon each of the parcels of land, and that a  
judgment be issued in favor of the State against  
the land for the payment of the amounts specified, and if  
not paid, that the lands be sold.

Therefore your plaintiff presents:

That within the time provided by law due court  
determines that the taxes, interest and charges on  
lands described in Schedule A are valid and constitute  
a valid basis upon each of the parcels of land.

That within the time provided by law due court  
makes final judgments in favor of the State against  
each parcel of land for the payment of the  
amounts in the columns headed "Aggregated" and  
contains the amounts aggregated against the lands  
within the columns.

That the amounts opposite the schedules are paid,  
the lands, or portions that are necessary to satisfy the  
amounts delinquent against the lands, shall be offered  
as property in the law sale as the law provides.

That these parcels may meet each other  
and further that this court rules and approves  
this date February 13, 1997.

Douglas R. Roberts

STATE TREASURER

By Donald Bruegel, Administrator  
Local Property Services Division  
Authorized representative of State Treasurer

Schedule 1A - Taxes of 1984  
And Prior Years

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LOTS 298 & 299 UPPNORTHE NO. 3	1994	101.70	310	20-040-40-007-11-12-00-00	1994	865.79	348	20-040-40-01-17-01-18-00	1994	203.52		20-040-41-01-12-02-00	1994	248.18		20-040-45-283-00-161-00	1994	133.15		SEC LN 26 FT THE E SOFT M/L TO W LN OF E100FT OF S/2 OF SE4 IN SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 318 UPPNORTHE NO. 3	1994	83.36	311	20-040-40-007-14-06-00	1994	685.79	349	20-040-40-01-17-07-18-00	1994	203.52		20-040-41-01-13-02-01	1994	165.87		20-040-45-283-00-161-00	1994	133.15		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 319 UPPNORTHE NO. 3	1994	83.36	312	20-040-40-008-02-11-00	1994	780.35	350	20-040-40-018-02-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOTS 157 & 158 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	35.62	312	20-040-40-008-02-11-00	1994	780.35	351	20-040-40-018-05-06-00	1994	1,170.96		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 184 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	313	20-040-40-008-05-16-00	1994	962.68	352	20-040-40-018-06-04-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 185 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	313	20-040-40-008-02-11-00	1994	780.35	353	20-040-40-019-02-00-00	1994	247.96		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 191 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	314	20-040-40-008-05-16-00	1994	65.81	354	20-040-40-018-06-04-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 192 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	315	20-040-40-008-05-16-00	1994	389.00	355	20-040-40-018-06-04-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 193 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	316	20-040-40-008-05-16-00	1994	389.00	356	20-040-40-018-06-04-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-18-02-00	1994	334.50		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 194 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	317	20-040-40-008-12-21-00	1994	279.75	357	20-040-40-019-05-01-00	1994	356.04		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 195 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	318	20-040-40-008-12-22-00	1994	417.48	358	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 196 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	319	20-040-40-008-12-22-00	1994	356.04	359	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 197 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	320	20-040-40-009-01-07-00	1994	209.45	360	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 198 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	321	20-040-40-009-01-07-00	1994	209.45	361	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 199 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	322	20-040-40-009-01-07-00	1994	209.45	362	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 200 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	323	20-040-40-009-05-00-00	1994	209.45	363	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 201 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	71.14	324	20-040-40-009-05-00-00	1994	209.45	364	20-040-40-019-05-16-00	1994	227.69		20-040-41-01-03-02-00	1994	356.04		20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	121.66		COMIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NORTH DOWN RD OF B. LOVELS RD TH N 81D 46M 30S 246.82 FT TH CONT ALG SD CENTER LINE 201.81FT TH DND 100ME 59.71FT TH S 87D 44M 30S E 200FT TH S 0D SEC 16 T27N R1W			
LOT 202 TWIN PEAKS #1	1994	83.36	325	20-040-40-009-05-00-00	1994	209.45																	

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W 1/2 OF LOT 1 AND ALSO 6FT VACATED ALLEY LYING ON WEST SIDE OF LOT 1 BLK 3 OF MARTHA M BRINKS 2ND.	1994	758.13		855	20-070-183-002-007-00 COMM AT THE S E COR BLK 2, TH W 20FT TO P.O.B., TH N 120F, TH W 90F, TH E 120F, TH E 90F TO F.O.B. POWERLINE LOT 1 & 1/2 OF B ALSO N 331' OF VILAS VACATED IN HADLEY 3RD ADD.	1994	195.65
847 20-070-132-004-006-00 LOTS 5,6 AND 7, BLOCK 4, BRNKS 2ND ADD TO CITY OF GRAYLING	1994	389.39		856	20-070-190-001-007-00 LOT 7 BLK 1 MADSEN ADD. LIBER 114 PAGE 312	1994	541.96
849 20-070-132-004-006-00 LOT 1 & LOT 2 BLOCK 5A BRINKS SECOND ADD TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING	1994	1,249.09		857	20-070-200-006-003-00 LOTS 3 & 4, BLK 6, ROFFEES ADD.	1994	582.88
850 20-070-181-005-005-00 LOT 5, BLK 5, HADLEY S AMENDED LOT 6 BLK 5 HADLEY S AMENDED	1994	1,646.56		858	20-070-200-010-005-00 LOT 5 BLK 10 ROFFEES ADD.	1994	653.23
851 20-070-181-005-011-00 LOT 11, BLK 5, HADLEY S AMENDED	1994	1,053.45		859	20-070-200-011-003-00 LOT 3, BLK 11 ROFFEES ADD.	1994	1,178.96
852 20-070-181-008-009-00 LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 8, HADLEY S AMENDED	1994	789.34		860	20-070-200-022-005-00 LOTS 1, BLK 22, ROFFEES ADD.	1994	756.80
853 20-070-182-002-009-00 LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 2, HADLEY S SECOND	1994	562.29		861	20-070-200-025-001-00 LOT 1, BLK 25, ROFFEES ADD. & SE LY 1/2 OF LOT 2BLK. 25	1994	335.83
854 20-070-182-007-008-00 FIN. LOT 8, BLOCK 7, HADLEY S SECOND FIN. LOT 1 BLOCK 23 ROFFEES	1994			862	20-070-200-028-006-00 LOT 5 BLK. 28 ROFFEES ADD.	1994	150.29
				863	20-070-200-028-006-00 LOT 6, BLK. 28 ROFFEES ADD.	1994	898.41

## Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

**IF YOUR 1994 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 6, 1997, TAX SALE.**

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 5, 1997.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

**Joseph V. Wakeley**  
Crawford County Treasurer

-13-20-27

## NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

- All meetings will be held at the Township Hall on M-18.
- Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:30 pm.
- Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 8, 1997	August 12	December 9
May 13	September 9	January 13, 1998
June 10	October 14	February 10
July 8	November 11	March 10

Annual Meeting: March 28th, 1998

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 1997-1998 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 1997, are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township offices located at 5245 M-18, Roscommon, Michigan.

Laura Smith, Clerk  
South Branch Township

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## NOTICE

**FULL-TIME BUILDING OFFICIAL/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** Grayling Township is seeking a State Registered Code Official/Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer to provide residential, commercial and industrial inspections in conjunction with permits issued through the Grayling Township Building and Zoning Department.

Applicants may qualify for a provisional registration with the Michigan Dept. of Labor if they have four years (8,320 hours) experience in building construction, are a licensed builder, superintendent, foreman, architect or engineer. A person qualifying for a provisional license must register with the State of Michigan within 30 days of hire and progressively earn credits toward State Registration.

The employee will also be charged with enforcing Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance, Junk & Garbage Ordinance, Public Nuisance & Anti-Noise Ordinance and Sign Ordinance. Training in this area will be provided by Grayling Township.

Employee will be required to serve as Grayling Township Hall and Compactor Station Building Maintenance Coordinator and will perform periodic inspections to insure Township facilities are in top condition.

Employee must retain a valid Michigan driver's license and have their own transportation. Mileage is reimbursed.

Employee should possess a degree of computer literacy and be able and willing to work with computers.

To obtain a complete job description, benefit package, application form or to submit resume, please contact: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, 2080 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-8713.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm, April 1, 1997.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

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## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by MICHAEL J. LEWIS, a single man, of 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION, of 129 Lake Street, P.O. Box 727, Roscommon, MI 48653, dated January 16, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on January 23, 1995, in Liber 389, Pages 213-218, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three and 94/100 (\$13,653.44) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Howard A. HAYES and Susan M. HAYES, his wife to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagor, dated December 4th, 1995 and recorded on December 5th, 1995 in Liber 404, on Page 243, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, assignee, by an assignment dated 12/4/95, which was recorded on February 24, 1997, in Liber 425, on Page 303, Crawford County Records, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 22/100 dollars (\$38,863.22), including interest at 8 1/2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or as much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on 3 April 1997 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with Eight and 2/10 (.8%) percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagor does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

Lot 54, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 27, Crawford County Records. Street address: 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be abandoned pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3241 (1) whereby the period of redemption shall be thirty (30) days.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 18 February 1997

By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123

LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F.

BRABANT, P.C.

Attorney for Mortgagor

241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35

Roscommon, MI 48653

(517) 275-4365

### MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

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### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Held on  
the 24th Day of  
February 1997  
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Mosher, Ruddy, Akers.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Elena King, J.C. King, Norm Bancroft, Eric Gaertner from Avalanche, Cheri Hunter, Loren Goodale III, 9 Boy Scouts, 4 Students, Vernie McHarg, City Treasurer, Susan Bateson, Wayne Winchester, Fred Fedak, Linda Fedak, Sue Stark.

III. 97-21

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Moved by Mosher, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 17, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak.

Mr. Fedak spoke on the proposed race track in Crawford County. Any questions can be faxed to 348-7334 regarding this project. He is trying to see if the people in the area are interested in having a race track.

Mr. Fedak spoke about the snowmobile situation in town. Need a through town trail and to put route in the paper. City needs to make businesses more accessible to snowmobilers.

Mr. Morford noted that the City is working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Sheriff's Department to get a good snowmobile trail through Grayling.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. January 1997 Finance Report.

b. City Assessor Report 1997.

c. January 1997 Police Report.

d. City Electric Data Sheet.

e. View Point Article.

f. Letter from County Sheriff regarding Officer Long.

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## DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

by Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

I overheard a comment recently regarding a desire for the coming of spring and the first mushrooms. I walked away from the conversants so did not hear the remainder of the conversation, but I will bet it had to do with the favorite places to find mushrooms and their use. Despite all the snow on the ground at the present time, it won't really be that long before many who do not venture into the forests very much will be doing so with some kind of container in hand. What is a mushroom anyway?

According to one source I have at hand, there are more than 75,000 species of plants classed as fungi. This class includes the one-celled yeasts that make bread dough rise, juices to ferment, and mildew. The molds that appear on over-ripe fruit and in blue cheeses is a fungi, just as is the mold that provides penicillin. This class also includes the Morel and the Amanita, the latter is extremely poisonous by the way. Some fungi as you have already guessed do not look like our conception of a mushroom at all. Puffballs are solid, fleshy spheres, bird nest fungi form very small cups with what looks like little eggs inside containing the spores. Another type of fungi looks like a head of cauliflower, others resemble branching coral, some form shelves protruding from tree trunks and some look like globs of jelly.

While the vast majority of plants are able to manufacture their own food, all fungi take their nourishment from the bodies of other plants and animals either living or dead. Because many fungi live on the remains of plants and animals they are responsible for much of the break down (decomposing) of the organic matter. What you see above ground or other surfaces where a fungi is growing is only a small part of the total. Much of the hidden part of the plant consists of a multitude of tiny threadlike filaments called hyphae, that forms what is called mycelium. The

hyphae permeate the dead organic tissue, thus speeding its decay. If you want to think of the hyphae as roots you won't be far wrong.

There are a few kinds of fungi that live in close association with the roots of pines and orchids. The hyphae grow around and sometimes into the roots of the host plant supplying the roots with water and nutrients and in return the fungi receives necessary food. This beneficial relationship is called symbiosis.

Fungi are among the most

widespread of all living things because instead of what we call seeds they reproduce from dust-like spores. When you step on a dried puffball mushroom, for example, the reddish dust that spurts out is actually millions if not billions of spores which if they land in the proper circumstances will eventually produce another puffball. Some spores are scattered by splashing raindrops, a few are seemingly shot from the parent plant, but most are carried by the wind.

The 500 or so species of slime molds are the strangest of the fungi class. For

a majority of their lives they act more like animals than plants. Slime molds are jelly-like blobs that flourish among decaying vegetation where they creep along like giant amoebas. Later in their life they move to drier places and the jelly-like material becomes a fruiting body that produces spores which start the cycle all over again. Rest assured that the cycle of the seasons will come around again so you can once again venture forth into a vibrant spring, but in the meantime keep the shovel handy.



**DONATING MONEY** — Grayling Eagles #3465 gives money to the United Way. John Kuszak, left, and Walter Mansfield present the check to Bill Gannon representing the United Way.

## S Y N O P S I S BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting March 11, 1997

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Riley. Board members present: Riley, McGregor, McDonough and Hartman. Absent: Mobarak. There were 15 guests present.

Minutes to the regular meeting of 2/14/97 and special meeting of 3/10/97 were approved. Reports were given by Supervisor, Treasurer and the Firechief on the Fire Service, DPW and Planning & Zoning.

Eleven pieces of correspondence were accepted.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cleanup day for township will be June 14th, hours 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. The board will decide while doing budget if and when a second cleanup day will take place.

2. Motion by McGregor, seconded by McDonough to accept Supervisor's written policy in regard to Road Signs and Private Road Signs. Motion carried. Township will no longer be responsible for road signs as township as it is our contention that all costs associated with road signs are the responsibility of the Crawford

County Road Commission. In regard to signs for private roads, the township will accept payment from residents for signs to be placed on private roads, make arrangements and disburse funds.

3. Report from Supervisor regarding Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Ordinance meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by McGregor, seconded and carried, that supervisor tell Crawford County Road Commission that the township will not be paying them for bringing of township roads.

2. Beautification Committee to be given \$150.00 for flowers and/or shrubs to be planted.

3. Motion by McGregor to give \$100.00 to Higgins Lake Advisory Committee for their continuing operation. Seconded and carried.

4. Motion by McDonough to use Jim Mullens as maintenance person for the township. Seconded and carried.

5. McGregor moves to cancel township insurance with Par Plan and go with Burham & Flower, effective immediately, providing there are no penalties assessed. Seconded and carried.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Questions regarding proposed race track. Several comments regarding poor job Crawford County Road Commission is doing in snowplowing and road to our transfer site has been left in poor shape.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development commission will hold two hearings, both scheduled for March 26, 1997, one at 3:30 pm and one at 7 pm, in the office at 203 Huron St., Grayling, MI, purpose of the hearing is the county application for Farmers Home Administration Housing preservation grant in the amount of \$72,900.

## EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

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## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 97-5674-IE

Estate of JOHN C. PATNODE

381-40-8643

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 4525 W. 7 Mile Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, died 12-21-96. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Dorothy M. Patnode, 4525 W. 7 Mile Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OTSEGO PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION Order For Publication On Hearing

Case No. J-96-129-NA  
TO: Marie Galvani and Tomas Galvani, I.  
IN THE MATTER OF: Tomas Galvani, II.  
DOB: 12-1-96

A abuse/neglect petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on April 7 and 8, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in Otsego County Circuit Courtroom, Gaylord, MI.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Marie Galvani and Tomas Galvani, I, personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in an adjudication of abuse/neglect.

March 11, 1997  
Richard J. Liedel,  
Judge of Probate

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## NOTICE

**PART-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR** Grayling Township is seeking a State Registered Electrical Inspector on a contractual basis to provide residential, commercial and industrial electrical inspections in conjunction with permits issued through the Grayling Township Building & Zoning Department.

Applicants may qualify for a provisional registration having worked two years as a licensed journeyman or by being a licensed master electrical. A person qualifying for a provisional registration must register with the State of Michigan within 30 days of hire and progressively earn credits toward State Registration.

Application forms are available, or resumes may be submitted to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm, April 1, 1997.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

## NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, times, and places of all of its regular meetings during the 1997-1998 fiscal year as follows:

1. All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.
2. All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7 pm on the following dates:

April 8, 1997	October 14, 1997
May 13, 1997	November 11, 1997
June 10, 1997	December 9, 1997
July 8, 1997	January 13, 1998
August 12, 1997	February 10, 1998
September 9, 1997	March 10, 1998

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on April 7, 1997 and October 6, 1997.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet with taxpayers on March 9, 1998 and March 10, 1998.

3. All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 25, 1997, at 7 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

### CASE #97-1: GRAYLING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION, PETITIONER

Effects all Residential Districts of Grayling township (R-1, R-2, R-F, NRD)

A request to amend Section 27.4-A-3.C regarding In-Home Occupations as a Conditional Use.

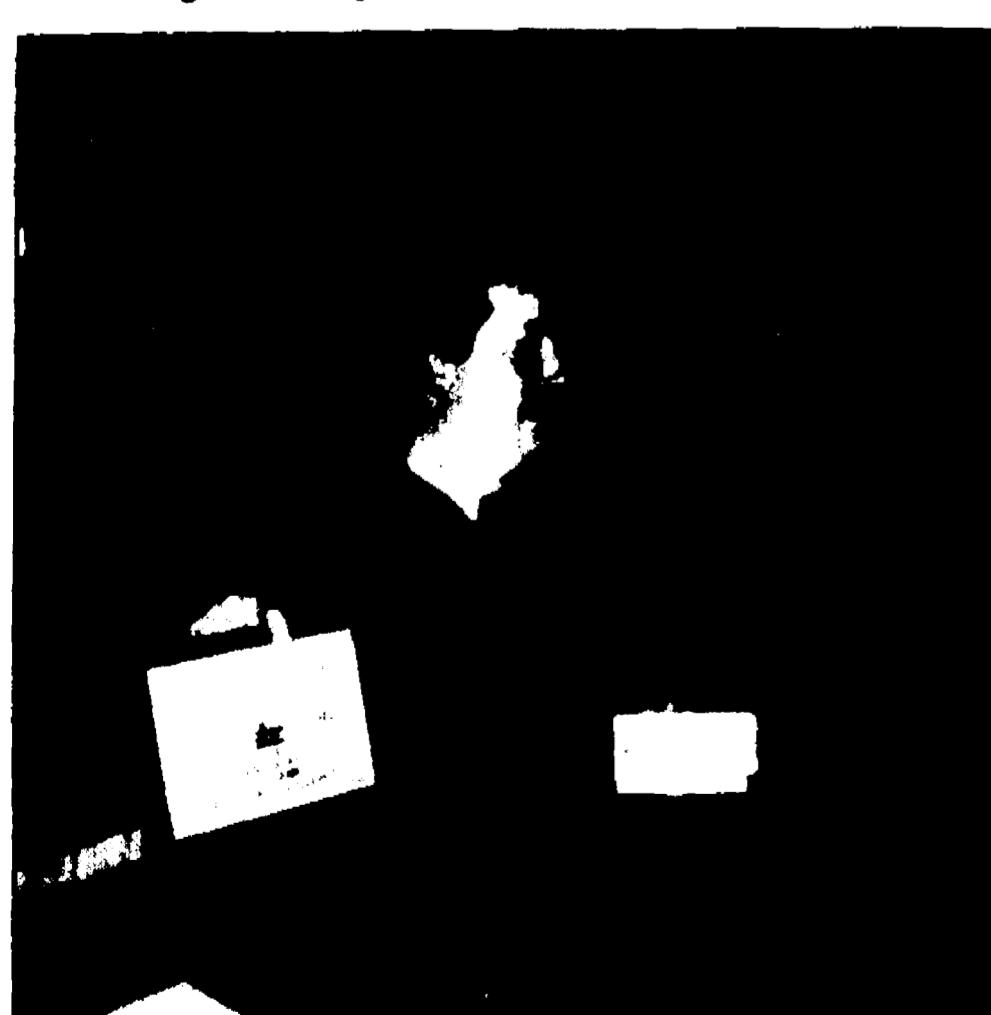
Current wording: Shall not be conducted in an accessory building

Proposed wording: Shall not be conducted in an accessory building, unless determined by the Planning Commission that the use conforms to require conditions A through L but would be more appropriately conducted in an accessory building rather than the dwelling.

Zoning Ordinance and case file are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk



**HIGH GAME** — Dan Walker received a men's bowling association award for last season's highest game of 261.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Crawford through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office is proposing to make application for a Housing Preservation Grant through the Farmers Home Administration. The grant application will be for \$72,900 to be used for very-low and low-income families, county-wide, single family units, owner-occupied for housing rehabilitation to assist in eliminating safety and health hazards and overcrowding which would contribute to the structural integrity or long-term preservation of the unit without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, arrest record or physical or mental handicap if such person has the capacity to contact.

The proposed project will provide loan funds through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office to rehabilitate single family owner-occupied housing.

Comments will be accepted at the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office between 8:30 am and noon or between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, located at 203 Huron St., Grayling. Anyone wishing to telephone in comments may do so during the same times at (517) 348-3513. Comments will be accepted until April 12, 1997.

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# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

**For The Week Of March 16-22**

**ARIES**

March 21-April 20

You're dynamite in group endeavors this week. You don't even need to take a prominent role if you're not feeling up to it. You're lucky in small risks early in the week, but do your homework before taking on anything larger.

**TAURUS**

April 21-May 21

Keep your opinions to yourself this week. It's easy for others to misunderstand you, and it's better to avoid creating controversy. Look to an educational opportunity if you're seeking a new romance. If you need a favor, ask an older person.

**GEMINI**

May 22-June 21

Don't sit around wondering this week—ask questions instead. Be tactful and a good listener, and you could learn far more than you expect. A friend's offer could have some strings attached. Get the full story before accepting or rejecting.

**CANCER**

June 22-July 22

When solving a sticky problem, try to break it down into its components. You may have better success tackling one issue at a time. If someone near is sabotaging your efforts, address them directly and tactfully. This weekend, go explore someplace you have never been before.

**LEO**

July 23-August 23

If you're feeling a bit down this week, give yourself a little extra TLC. People close to you mean well, but they may not have the energy to help you. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance from a different source. Your hard work is beginning to pay off.

**VIRGO**

August 24-September 22

Feeling cluttered lately? Take a careful inventory and then get rid of everything you don't need. Be ruthless, and you'll breathe a little easier. Projects around the house demand your attention. Don't skimp when asked to contribute to a group effort.

*For Entertainment Purposes Only*

**LIBRA**

September 23-October 23

This is a good week to make a romantic commitment. If you're certain of another person's feelings, then go ahead and take the plunge. If you're feeling overworked, ask a sweetie to provide assistance or stress relief.

**SCORPIO**

October 24-November 22

A long-held goal may be almost within reach. It may be difficult, but you must remain patient a while longer. Watch out for double meanings—what you mean might not be what another person thinks you said. This is a good time to ask for a raise.

**SAGITTARIUS**

November 23-December 21

Plan something special with your sweetie. Whether it's a mini-getaway or just an evening out, you'll improve your frame of mind and have a wonderful time. Pay close attention to your obligations, even if it means altering your plans slightly.

**CAPRICORN**

December 22-January 20

Your organization and effective planning help you get through a mountain of responsibilities early in the week. Use your extra free time to have a little fun. Be careful when flirting—odds are, someone is paying more attention than you had first thought. Don't lead him or her on.

**AQUARIUS**

January 21-February 18

If you're feeling stuck, take a few moments to write down your dreams and hopes. Then talk to someone who can help you list ways to make your dreams come true. Be sure to listen carefully to what that person has to say, or you could miss an unspoken message.

**PISCES**

February 19-March 20

A private matter demands discussion with the other people involved. Be discreet, and you'll enjoy a positive outcome. When a person you respect speaks, take careful notes. You'll find a wealth of wisdom to draw on later.



**HOME NEEDED** — This male Cock-a-poo is two-to-three-years old. He is housebroken and good with children. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## PET CARE TIPS

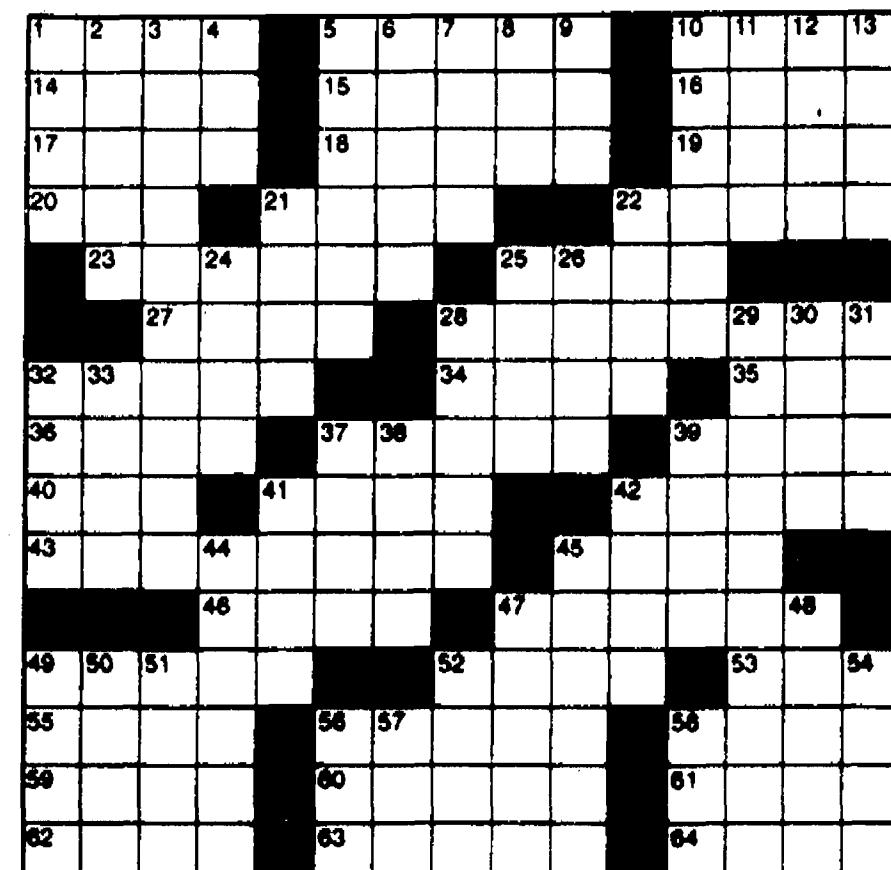
Exercise is still important for your pets, even in winter. Whenever you walk your dog, be sure to check her paws for frostbite, advises the Animal Protection Institute.

The salt used to thaw snow and ice can dry and crack your dog's paws, so use a damp towel to wipe off his feet and underside, advises the Animal Protection Institute.



The soles of your feet contain more sweat glands and more pressure-sensitive nerve endings per square inch than any other part of your body.

## CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. To be, in Paris
- 5. Fed the kitty
- 10. Witches
- 14. After that
- 15. Achier
- 16. Annapolis inst.
- 17. Hostile god
- 18. Petticoat
- 19. Solo promper
- 20. 2,000 pounds
- 21. Dejected mood
- 22. Expense vouchers
- 23. Flowers
- 25. Exclusive
- 27. Hollow, as a threat
- 28. Anne Of The \_\_\_\_\_ Days
- 32. \_\_\_\_\_ up (tipped off)
- 34. Ready
- 35. 'Pooh' character
- 36. Biblical book
- 37. Actor Claude
- 38. Iced tea flavoring
- 40. Female rabbit
- 41. Nosegay holder
- 42. Mambo steps
- 43. Esteemed
- 44. Robin's retreat
- 46. Greyhound rider
- 47. Nightclubs
- 48. Rub the wrong way
- 52. Watergate burglar
- 53. Hack's vehicle
- 55. Tramp
- 56. Director Sergio
- 58. Roe v. \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. Church picture
- 60. Recherché
- 61. On the ocean
- 62. Male (abbr.)
- 63. Actress Palmer
- 64. ERA, e.g.

**DOWN**

- 1. Coup d' \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Pulse
- 3. Signed up again
- 4. Naval officer (abbr.)
- 5. Take over
- 6. Parts of speech
- 7. "Star" \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Election add-on
- 9. Welby and Kildare (abbr.)
- 10. Quies
- 11. Wine region
- 12. Bothersome insect
- 13. Sinks in the middle
- 21. Bend
- 22. Lead
- 24. Poems of exalted emotion
- 25. Hebrew letter
- 26. Dropper's word
- 28. Heard a case
- 29. Blublood
- 30. Words accompanying "Don't touch!" (2 wds.)
- 31. Morse units
- 47. Nantucket sights
- 48. Finnish bath
- 49. Actor Everett
- 50. Kachina ceremony devotes
- 51. Busy as \_\_\_\_\_ (2 wds.)
- 52. Gate giver
- 54. The Queen (Edrich novel)
- 56. Ad
- 57. Wind dir.
- 58. Entertainment sources

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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
3/12	32	4		26"
3/13	27	4		25"
3/14	27	8	0.25	26"
3/15	22	11	0.26	29"
3/16	16	-12	0.05	29"
3/17	31	-11		28"
3/18	41	17		24"

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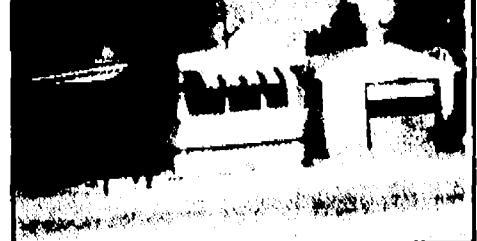
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**THREE-BEDROOM "PLAIN JANE"** RANCH with an attached two-car garage, priced to sell and ready for you to move right in today. \$54,900. #207.



**LOVELY THREE-BEDROOM**, two-bath home on a large lot, just minutes from town. Offers natural gas hot water heat. Call for an appointment, ask for listing #176. \$77,500.



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## Subscriptions 348-6811



### Real Estate Corner

with Debbie Bondar

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### When "singles" buy together

Today, it is quite common for friends to pool their resources to buy a larger home than either could afford alone. Some builders cater specifically to this particular group of buyers, offering homes with two master suites instead of a more traditional room arrangement. If you are thinking about purchasing a home with a friend, be sure that you have clear, written agreements about how you will share in the down payment and monthly mortgage payments, and what will occur if one of you moves out.

You should sit down with a Realtor to discuss your options before committing yourself to such a purchase. Will you take possession as joint tenants and each person have a 50/50 interest in the property, or will each share be adjusted to reflect disparities in the down payment and share of the mortgage payment? You and your buying partner should have definite agreements in writing about every aspect of the purchase.

For solid advice and quality service on buying or selling real estate, consult me at Century 21 River Country R.E., 517-348-5474 or visit at 5688 M-72 West.

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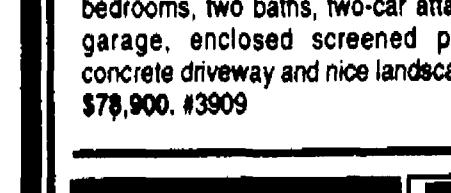
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**Great view of Lake Margrethe**

from this four-bedroom, two-bathroom home. Birdseye maple hardwood floors in living area, separate family room with woodstove, two-car garage, hot tub, shed and more. Public access at your doorstep. \$110,000. #4029

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**Over 800' river frontage**

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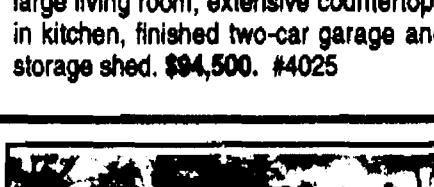
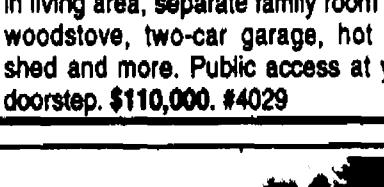
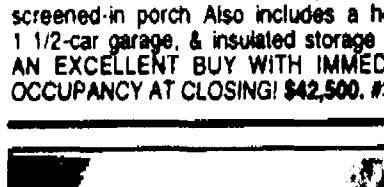
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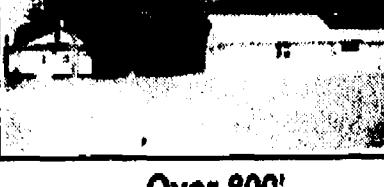
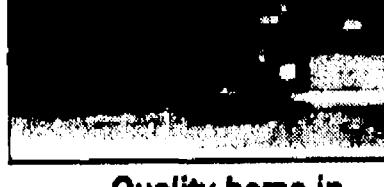
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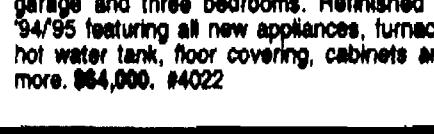
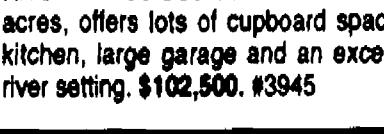
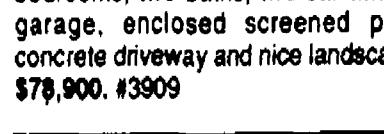
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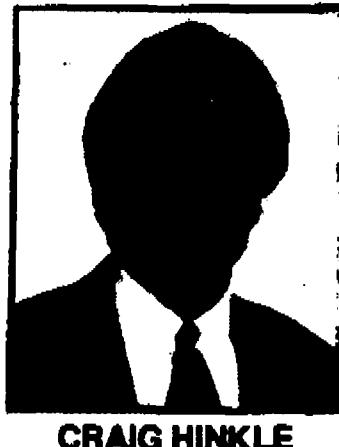
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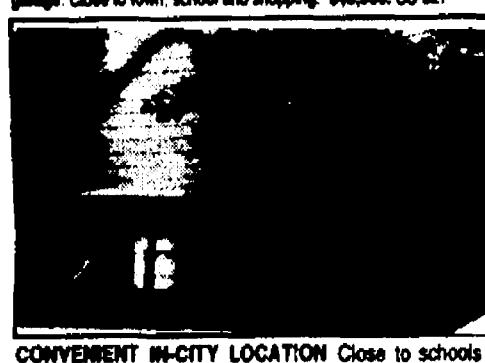
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**AVAILABLE RIVER** Approximately 300' frontage, adjoining federal land, secluded yet close to amenities. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, knotty pine cathedral ceilings, open staircase with log railings, stone hearth with pellet stove, two French doors onto extensive decking, custom kitchen. Garage is insulated/heated, two outbuildings. Quality with a rustic flair. Beautiful view amongst mature hardwoods and white pines. New offering. Call today for details. \$129,900. CH-538



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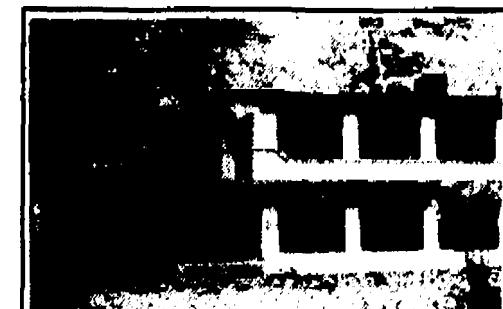
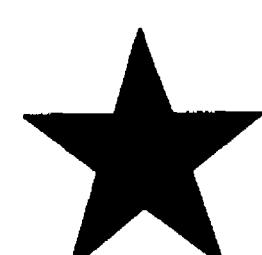
**CONVENIENT IN-CITY LOCATION** Close to schools & hospital. UPDATED roof, handicap ramp, several large shade trees. No appointment necessary. Immediate occupancy. Just listed. \$38,500. Price reduced. \$32,800. CH-462



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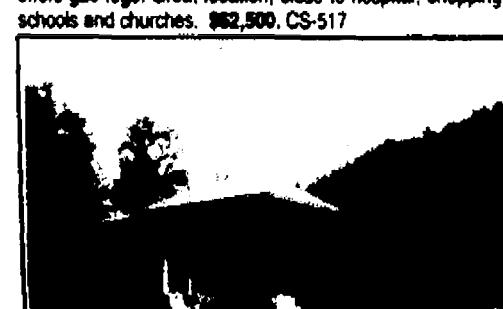
**TALKING HOUSE**  
BEAUTIFUL, RIVERFRONT HOME with 180' on the AuSable River. Three acres of mixed hardwoods. This spacious quality-built home offers 3,012 sq. ft. where sunroom and river room. Four bedrooms, three baths, den, family room with fireplace and wood stove, two-car attached garage, greenhouse. 32x38 newly-constructed two-story barn with finished workshop, two carports, two sheds, satellite system and many features too numerous to mention. \$229,900. Reduced, \$225,900. CS-287



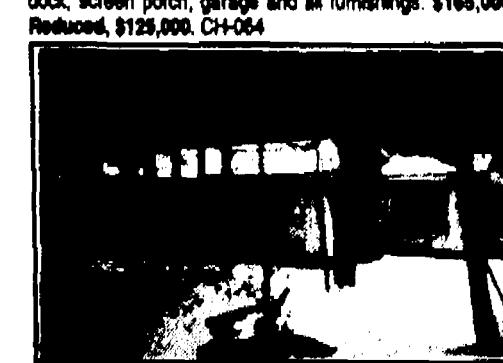
**HARBOR BEACH ASSOCIATION** Private boat slip, common adjoining park, lakefront beach and maintained blacktop road. 2,332 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors, oak cabinets and Andersen windows. 24x24 garage, upper-level rec. room with three clear story lights, beautiful landscaping, shaded yard with mature red pines. Price reduced to \$168,000. CH-453



**NESTLED IN A WARM, FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD** 1,100 sq. ft. offers three bedrooms, one bath, walk-out patio door, central air and 92 percent HE. York furnace. Fireplace offers gas logs. Great location, close to hospital, shopping, schools and churches. \$82,500. CS-517



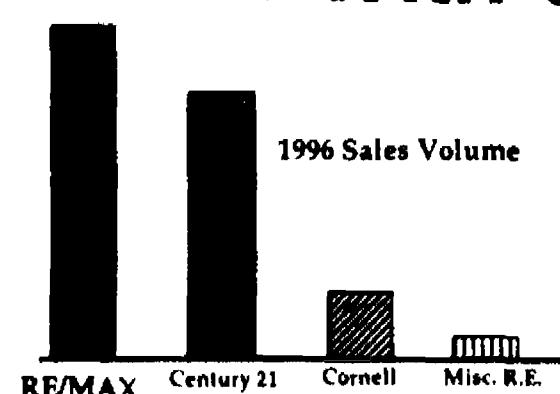
**AUSSABLE RIVER SOUTH BRANCH** Rustic log only 30 ft. off water's edge. 2,000 sq. ft., five bedrooms, fieldstone fireplace, 400 ft. river frontage with state land across river, dock, screen porch, garage and all furnishings. \$165,000. Reduced, \$125,000. CH-064



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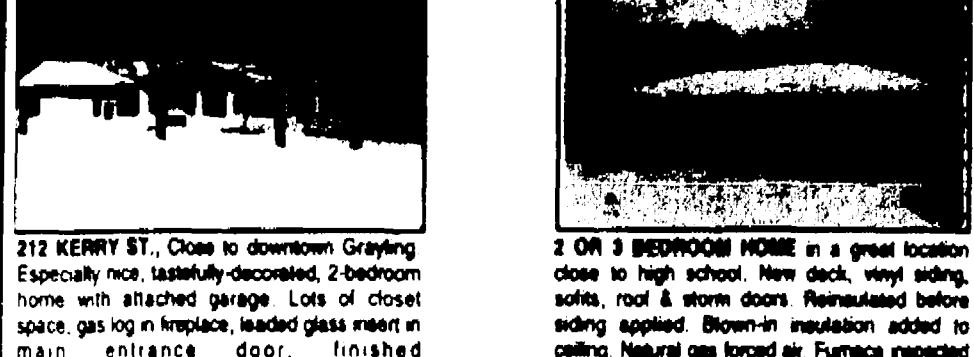
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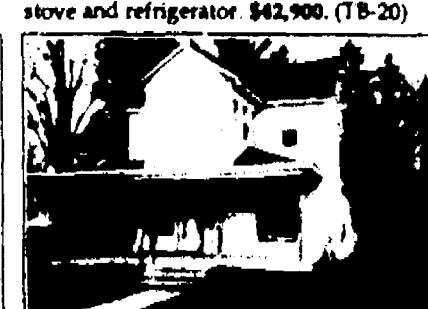
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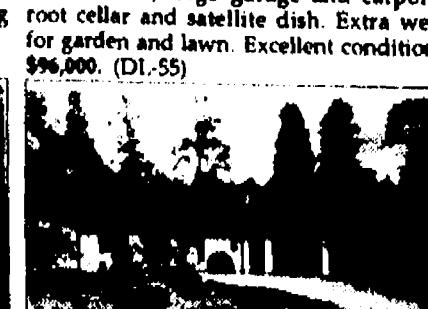
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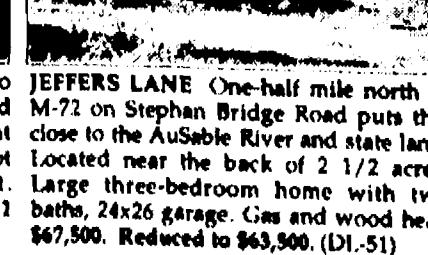
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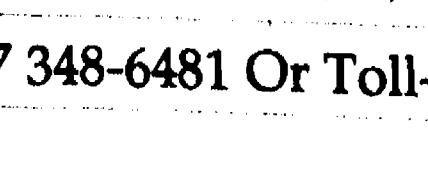
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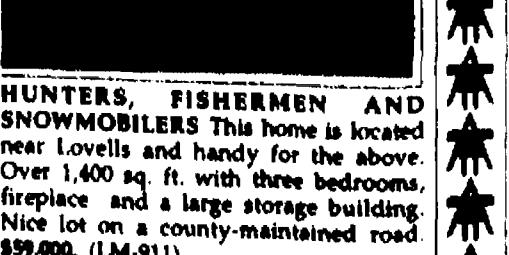


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The site must accommodate off-street parking for a minimum of 25 vehicles and have easy accessibility. The space must comply with Barrier-Free Design and be free of toxic substances. **FACILITY MUST BE ASBESTOS-FREE OR ASBESTOS ENCAPSULATED**. The space must be available by June 1, 1997, for a five-year occupancy.

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Mr Charles Oney, Property Analyst  
State of Michigan  
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Real Estate Division  
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Lansing, Michigan 48909

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**GENERAL OFFICE POSITION**

Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our administrative office. General office responsibilities, Microsoft Office 97 (Word, Excel) a plus. Accounting background helpful. Please send letter, including resume and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. -20/3

**3. Employment**

**ACCOUNTING POSITION:** Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our accounting department. A strong accounting background, including experience with Great Plains Software, a plus. Please send letter, including resume and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. -20/3

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\$12.68/hr. to start, plus benefits. Carriers, sorters, clerks, computer trainees. For application and exam information, call 1-219-791-1191, ext 30 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 7 days. -13-20/3

**Help Wanted  
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Due to an increase in our census, we are adding to our staff.

The Meadows of Grayling is accepting applications for full- and part-time RN/LPN and certified nursing assistants. If you want to be considered a part of our health care team, stop by and talk with our director of nursing at:

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331 Meadows Drive,  
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Phone (517) 348-2801

**2. For Rent**

**THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION** is taking applications for family two-bedroom apartments. One two-bedroom apartment has immediate occupancy.

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**ENGINEERING CLERK:** Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our engineering department, for a computer literate engineer clerk. Responsibilities include print running and general office duties. Please send letter, resume, and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. -20/3

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**3. Employment**

**PART-TIME SECRETARY** needed for weekend help. Must have good phone skills. Please send resume to Attn: AC, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. 3/13/97f/3

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**Surgical Techs (or RNs):** Immediate, full-time openings. Under direct/indirect supervision of RN, functions primarily in the scrub role on the surgical team. Assists team in providing quality individualized patient care during pre/intra/post-operative phases of patient's surgical experience. Will include cross-training in Endoscopy. Minimum qualifications for Surgical Tech include graduate of surgical tech school or equivalent experience. Will consider RN with previous O.R. experience.

**Physician Billers:** Immediate, full-time openings in our Grayling Internal Medicine office and Houghton Lake Primary Care office. Pay scale: \$7.33-\$9.91 with benefits. Responsibilities include: gathering patient billing information and maintaining the practice management system, keeping current on all state and federal regulations of all third party payor financing all or part of patient's care, and billing regulations and rules of different specialties of physicians. Minimum qualifications include: high school diploma and 2 years' recent medical office billing, including point-of-service collections and benefit verification. Practice Management information system experience as well as strong PC skills including Word Perfect and Lotus (for Windows) also necessary.

**Medical Office Assistants/Medical Office Nurses/Medical Transcriptionists:** Immediate, casual (as needed) openings in our medical offices-Mercy Internal Medicine (Grayling) and Mercy Primary Care (Houghton Lake). Minimum qualifications include:

**Medical Office Assistant**—prior medical office experience including CPT & ICD 9CM coding, familiarity with insurance plans and benefit/coverage verification. Computer practice management information system a must (prefer Medic experience). High school graduate required.

**Medical Office Nurse**—High school diploma and a graduate of an accredited LPN/RN program with current Michigan license. One year experience in an office setting preferred.

**Medical Transcriptionist**—High school diploma. Courses in typing, medical terminology, anatomy and physiology are preferred. Medical transcription experience is required.

Qualified candidates please apply in person, send resume, call or fax: Human Resources Department, Mercy Hospital/Grayling, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738; Phone: (517) 348-0340; Fax: (517) 348-0485.

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Empire National Bank, Partner Services

P.O. Box 1220

Traverse City, MI 49685-1220

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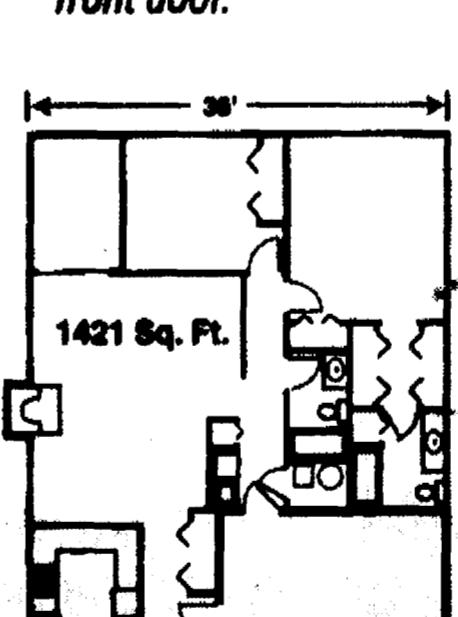
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**7. Miscellaneous****THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank the Plaza Bar, Grayling Restaurant, the American Legion, and all the friends and family for your support of Randy Ray during his illness. You are all great! Thanks!

Randy, Liz & Family, & Tim

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS**

Novels by Anthony Trollope will be the topic of discussion for the Book Club on Friday, March 21, at the Crawford County Library at 1 p.m.

Anthony Trollope was a British novelist best known for his series of books called "Cathedral Stories" or "Barchester Chronicles" which were condensed for a television series in 1982. These tales were of an imaginary cathedral town peopled with "speaking, moving, living, human creatures" depicting the clerical society and political life of Victorian England.

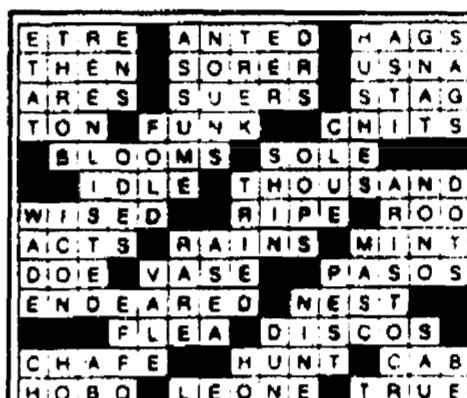
Trollope's mother was also an author and wrote more than 100 books. "Domestic Manners of the Americans" was published in 1832 which made her famous, but highly unpopular in the United States.

The selection for April is a novel by Denker; May is "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil;" and June is "Beardstown Ladies Common Sense Investment Guide."

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the library's phone number is 348-9214.

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**9. Personals**

**SUZANNE J. TOUPIN D.C.** on Herbs, Health, and the Body Systems-a 10-session study program. Fee: \$5 per class, per person. Time: 7 p.m. Intestinal System: Grayling, April 21, and Lewiston April 17; Circulatory System: Grayling, May 19, and Lewiston May 15; Urinary System: Grayling, June 16, and Lewiston June 19. Please call to register for any class you plan to attend. Lewiston: 517-786-5288 or Grayling: 517-348-4560. 20-27/9

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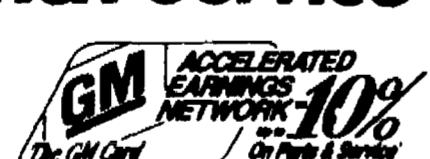
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**11. Automotive****11. Automotive****Grayling Housing Commission**

is taking sealed bids on a 1989 Ford F250 pickup truck with plow. 7,511 original miles. Minimum bid of \$3,500. The truck can be seen at 308 Lawndale Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm. All bids must be received by April 4, 1997, at 4 pm. Bids will be opened April 4, 1997, at 4 pm, at the Grayling Housing Commission. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 450.

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